



## **Met Office Board**

### **Summary**

**19 March 2014**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed.
- Paul Rew, Chair of the Audit Committee, updated the Board on the previous day's Audit Committee.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board. The Board discussed a number of important issues including progress on the campaign to secure funding for the Met Office Hadley Centre Climate Programme and the upcoming publication of the second instalment of the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report.
- Nick Jobling, the Chief Financial Officer, presented the AP11 Finance Report to the Board.
- Andrew McKean, Executive Head of Finance and Andy Cooper, Head of Planning and Performance, presented the updated 2014-2019 Corporate Plan to the Board. The Board suggested a few further minor amendments and then approved the plan.
- Andrew McKean presented FY1415 Budget to the Board which the Board approved.
- Nick Jobling and Andrew McKean presented a CIA case for the Transfer of Polar Satellite assets from BIS to the Met Office. The Board discussed the history of the treatment of Polar Satellite assets at length and approved the transition. The Board agreed that this should be reflected in the Corporate Plan and FY1415 Budget.
- Nick Jobling and Dave Underwood, Deputy Director of the HPC Programme updated the Board on the progress of the HPC project to date, and some key forthcoming milestones.
- Huw Davies, Chair of the Met Office Scientific Advisory Committee (MOSAC) outlined the key conclusions of his report on the 18<sup>th</sup> MOSAC Meeting which was held 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The report was overall very positive noting a number of highly ambitious and forward looking projects.
- The Board discussed the draft FY1415 Business Performance measures and agreed that some further work was required before these could be signed off.



- John Hirst presented a paper to the Board on the Met Office's business model which encompasses public service, scientific discovery and a commercial business. The Board discussed the tensions and benefits this brings.
- The next meeting would be held in London on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.