



**Met Office Board
Summary
28 November 2014**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2014 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- The Board welcomed Phil Evans, Government Services Director, who would be attending as a guest Executive Director for the duration of the meeting.
- Rob Varley, Chief Executive, delivered a new style of report to the Board highlighting the key issues for their consideration. This included the latest forecast verification scores, public reach metrics and recent difficulties with the Hazard Manager Service.
- Rob updated the Board on the Met Office's recent success in the Public Sector Sustainability Awards 2014 winning the Platinum Award for Most Sustainable Public Sector Organisation.
- Rob also noted that the Treasury had now approved the Jason CS satellite business case.
- Charlie Ewen, Chief Information Officer, gave an overview of how the technology programme has evolved over the past seven years including its recent restructure. The Board discussed how resourcing difficulties and skills shortages continue to be a key challenge for the programme.
- Sophie Purdey, Head of Government Services, updated the Board on the progress of the General Review explaining that a fuller session is scheduled for the January Met Office Board.
- Phil Evans, Government Services Director, gave an overview of the Met Office's current key contracts with government, their funding structures and his directorate's strategy over the next six months.
- Paul Rew, Chair of the Audit Committee, updated the Board on the key issues from the previous day's Audit Committee including how the new Chief Security Officer role is developing.
- Wendy Barnes, Non Executive Director notified the Board that her role as a Non-Executive Director at FCO Services comes to an end on 31st Dec 2014 and that she will start as a Non-Executive Director with ISS in the MOD early January 2015.
- The next meeting would be held in London on 27th January 2015.