



Met Office Board Summary 27 September 2016

- Minutes of the meeting held on 20-21 July 2016 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- The Board noted apologies from Greg Clarke (Chairman) and that this would have been his final meeting as Chairman following his decision to step down from the Board at the end of September 2016.
- Rob Varley (Chief Executive) delivered his report and the Board noted a number of points, including the latest corporate performance; changes to the Met Office's owning department and its remit as the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS); attainment of CIPS certification; and new space weather forecast services for Mars, Venus and Mercury on behalf of ESA.
- The Board discussed government changes following the referendum vote to leave the European Union, and noted concerns of staff and their families from the EU, as well as engagement with government and the wider scientific community on post-EU exit planning.
- The Board noted that the Met Office's presenters working at the BBC would transfer to BBC employment under TUPE regulations from October 2016, but that forecast data and guidance services would continue until a new provider takes over in 2017.
- The Board noted that the government's National Flood Resilience Review (NFRR) had been published.
- Nick Jobling (Chief Financial Officer) gave an update on the implementation of the new High Performance Computing (HPC) facility and the Board noted this was on track to be delivered ahead of schedule.
- The Board noted a 1-year extension to the "Name our Storms" pilot in conjunction with Met Eireann.
- Nick Jobling summarised the financial report.
- The Board discussed the latest situation on pay, as well as a voluntary exit scheme in the context of a proposed new Civil Service Compensation Scheme.
- The Board discussed the Met Office Hadley Centre Climate Programme (HCCP) and developing options for sustainable future funding for this critical national climate capability.
- The Board discussed the Met Office's Corporate Plan, including the organisation's aim, purpose and priorities, including measuring and monitoring delivery.
- Steve Noyes (Chief Operating Officer) presented the latest progress on the Transformation and Efficiency (T&E) programme, including high-level design concept, leadership, assurance, governance and validation.
- The Board agreed the T&E programme could move from the definition to delivery phase on 1 October 2016.
- Dee Cotgrove (Executive Head of Media and Communications) presented, and the Board discussed, the Met Office communications and reach strategies, noting progress in social media and digital content.
- The Board discussed business continuity and safety-critical services.
- The Board noted the development of proposals for an Environmental Risk Institute.
- The Board recorded its grateful thanks to Greg Clarke for his hard work and support as Chairman.
- Next meeting to be held on 30 November 2016.