



Met Office Board

Summary

2 April 2015

- The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2015 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- Kay Eldergill, HR Director, gave a short update on pay and the Board noted the significant amount of work that has been done, although no agreement with Treasury was possible before pre-election purdah.
- Rob Varley, Chief Executive, delivered his Report to the Board, including a presentation celebrating Met Office successes during the 2014-15 financial year.
- The Board noted a number of successes, including: meeting all of the Business Performance Measures, with all but Total Office Profit and Business Growth Revenue meeting their stretch targets; continued improvement in forecast accuracy year-on-year; high performance computing capital grant; confirmed funding for the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research for the coming year; secured funding for the next generation of polar orbiting satellites; funding for the operational space weather service; a number of commercial contracts; and extending reach and engagement with high levels of public trust.
- The Board also noted a number of awards received during 2014-15, including: the Platinum Award for Most Sustainable Public Sector Organisation; Most Improved Service award at the Top 50 Companies for Customer Service awards; and the European Meteorological Society Outreach and Communication award.
- Rob Varley's report also covered the latest forecast verification scores and finance report. Nick Jobling, Chief Financial Officer, confirmed the Met Office plans to pay its dividend to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and the Board endorsed this decision.
- Rob Varley gave an overview of the Met Office Commercial Review, which was carried out independently by Ernst and Young (EY) to examine current commercial business activities and market opportunities. Graham Beale from EY went on to describe the aims and approach to its review. Cathy Durston, Executive Head of Commercial Business, and Beccy Mitchell, Head of Emerging Markets & Commercial Data, joined the Board in discussing the options and recommendations for a future business model.
- Andy Kirkman, Executive Head of Defence Services, and Commander Derek Swannick (RN), Military Liaison, presented the services that the Met Office provides to the defence community.
- Andy Cooper, Head of Plans and Performance, presented proposed Business Performance Measures for 2015-16. The Board discussed these, including the stretch targets, range of measures and weighting towards Corporate Performance.
- Steve Noyes, Operations and Services Director, presented the Met Office's operational and customer service activities, including forecasting, service delivery and observations around the UK and overseas.
- Paul Rew, Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, gave an overview of the outcomes of the previous day's Committee meeting, including risk management and assurance framework.
- Next meeting to be held on 21 May.