



## Met Office Board

### Summary

24 May 2016

- Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2016 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- The Board discussed the annual Board Effectiveness Review and agreed it was largely effective, well run and supported, whilst noting a small number of recommended actions and priorities on which to focus.
- Rob Varley (Chief Executive) delivered his report and the Board noted a number of points, including the establishment of the Met Office Business Group; some notable contract wins in the transport sector; Met Office attendance at the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) committee on future flood prevention; services in support of the World Food Programme and UNHCR; public launch of the Met Office Android and iPhone app; and reaching a milestone of over 1 million social media followers.
- Nick Jobling (Chief Financial Officer) gave an update on the high performance computing (HPC) programme and the Board noted that the final phase of delivery is due to be completed by the end of the year.
- Julia Slingo (Chief Scientist) gave an update on Met Office input to the National Flood Resilience Review and the Board noted that the Government's report was due to be published in the summer.
- Nick Jobling summarised the finance report.
- The Board noted that the previous year's Business Performance Measures (BPMs) had been audited and validated, and the Board approved sign-off of the FY2015-16 BPM results.
- The Board noted that, during the recent Queen's Speech, it was announced the Government would implement the recommendations of the Nurse Review.
- The Board noted the renaming of BPMs as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for FY2016-17 and, subject to some slight adjustments, approved the 2016-17 KPIs.
- Kay Eldergill (HR Director) summarised, and the Board discussed, the 2015 Employee Attitude Survey results and actions.
- Nick Jobling presented the FY2016-17 budget and the Board discussed this, including investment in, and funding of, a programme of transformation and efficiency (T&E). The Board approved the budget.
- Julia Slingo summarised the latest options for sustainable funding of the Met Office Hadley Centre and progress with discussions with stakeholders.
- The Board discussed and noted the importance of secure long-term funding for the Met Office Hadley Centre and this critical national climate capability.
- Steve Noyes (Chief Operating Officer) summarised the T&E programme business plan and the Board discussed a number of points including the timetable, monitoring delivery and measuring success.
- Nick Jobling summarised the key points of the developing 5-year Corporate Plan and the Board discussed the plan, including sign-off through Ministerial approval.
- Steve Noyes summarised, and the Board discussed, options for future accommodation of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF).
- Next meeting to be held on 20-21 July 2016.