



**Key messages from PR09 Chief Executives' Group Meeting  
10 November 2006**

**Attendees:**

Regina Finn – Ofwat (Chair)	Tony Smith - CCW
Fiona Pethick - Ofwat	Richard Bird - Defra
Melinda Acutt - Ofwat	Tricia Henton - EA
Jeni Colbourne- DWI	Matthew Quinn – WAG

This was an introductory meeting to consider how Ofwat, Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, CCWater, Environment Agency and the Drinking Water Inspectorate would work together to deliver our complimentary parts of the price review process.

The group agreed that the forum was a helpful way of co-ordinating inputs to the 2009 price review. The group felt it was important to agree respective roles up front and agreed to the terms of reference for this group going forward. The group also agreed that we should look to share our key messages from each meeting with companies, Water UK, Natural England and the Countryside Council for Wales. There would be separate arrangements for involving the companies in our processes.

Each party outlined its role and agreed that future meetings would be useful. At a working level there would be various strands of work and comments were sought on an outline structure for this work.

The group looked at initial proposals from Ofwat and Defra on aspects of their planning for PR09. Ofwat used the opportunity to share the outline timetable it would put into its draft forward programme to be published for consultation in early December and discussed with a wide range of stakeholders at the Ofwat Forward Programme workshop in January.

CCWater set out its objectives for a price review, which placed consumers at its heart.

All parties agreed the importance of setting PR09 in a longer-term and sustainable development context. Ofwat's proposal to seek strategic statements from each company early in the process was welcomed as a way of encouraging each company to own and take responsibility for its plans.

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