



**Note of PR09 Chief Executives Group Meeting  
12 Sept 2007  
14:00 – 16:00, Ofwat, Birmingham**

**Attendees:**

**Ofwat**

Regina Finn – (Chair)  
Fiona Pethick  
Mark Hann

Jonathan Hodgkin  
Carolyn Baker (notes)

Tony Smith – Consumer Council for Water  
Martin Hurst – Defra (via video link)  
Joly Tremelling – Defra (via video link)  
Tricia Henton – Environment Agency  
Claire Bennett – Welsh Assembly Government  
Jeni Colbourne - Drinking Water Inspectorate  
Helen Phillips – Natural England

**1. Introductions, notes and actions from 4 May meeting**

Agreed amendments to the notes and actions. We will place the notes from the meeting on the Ofwat website.

**2. Ofwat**

**(i) Update on methodology paper and strategic direction statements**

Ofwat gave an update on the methodology paper and on company progress with Strategic Direction Statements.

**(ii) Update on milestones and timeline**

The main milestones and timeline were discussed. Further discussion is to take place at bilateral meetings. We will then amend and circulate the timeline. The Senior Co-ordinators group will be asked to provide more detail to be filled in for the timeline after the publication of draft business plans.

**(iii) Project explain**

Ofwat explained its project to review its five main reports. The new reports will be web based in the future starting with the Financial Performance and Expenditure Report in September 2007.

### **3. Defra**

Defra gave an update of the work on-going including other issues raised by flooding and Climate Change Bill. Defra remains committed to producing its Statement of Obligations in December 2007 but the Government's water strategy will now be delayed into the new year to enable the preliminary findings of the Pitt review to be taken into account. Defra also expect to issue environmental and social guidance in parallel with the strategy. Ofwat will arrange a bilateral meeting to discuss the programme of work and the fit with the PR09 process.

### **4. Welsh Assembly Government**

WAG gave a verbal update:

- a short paper on the water strategy priority areas as they link to the current Environmental Strategy was discussed at the previous PR09 Forum on 18 October;
- the climate change adaptation action plan was consulted on earlier this year; and
- the Assembly Government's Social and Environmental Guidance is likely to be published before the end of December.

### **5. Environment Agency**

EA gave an update of their current work programme and the issues that companies will need to consider in their draft business plans.

### **6. Drinking Water Inspectorate**

DWI gave an update on the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 (amendment) Regulations 2007. Ofwat will arrange a bilateral meeting to discuss the programme of work and the fit with the PR09 process.

### **7. CCWater**

CCWater gave an update on the quadripartite process and the consumer research programme.

### **8. Natural England**

Natural England gave an update on their work programme. Ofwat will arrange a meeting between the PR09 project managers.

### **9. Any other business**

Defra asked that any thoughts on the content of the Social and Environmental Guidance to be forwarded to Joly Tremelling.

Ofwat, with others to consider how communications of developing policies / processes could be improved between each organisation.

**10. Next steps**

Ofwat will amend the milestones and timeline taking account of comments made at the meeting and following the feedback from the bilateral meetings.

**11. Date of next meeting**

23 November 2007 (10:30 am to 12:30 pm) plus the following meeting for end January 2008.

**Ofwat, September 2007**