



OFWAT BOARD

Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2009

Members in attendance

Chairman:

Philip Fletcher

Chief Executive:

Regina Finn

Non-Executive Directors:

Jane May

Peter Bucks

Penny Boys

Gill Owen

Mike Brooker

Executive Directors:

Keith Mason

Cathryn Ross

Apologies:

None

In attendance

Huw Brooker	(Director of Legal Services and Board Secretary)
Ian Stephens	(Minutes)
Rob Ashley	(Director of External Affairs)
Ingrid Olsen	(Head of Enforcement Policy) item 3
Claire Simpson	(Enforcement Policy Analyst) item 3
Bethan Ilett	(Senior Legal Advisor) item 3
Noel Beale	(Deputy Director of Legal Services) item 3
Michael Deakin	(Graduate Trainee) item 3
Roger Dunshea	(Director of Operations) items 4, 8 & 9
Stuart Crawford	(Interim Change Manager) items 4, 8 & 9
Paul Hope	(Head of Water Resource Economics) item 4
Simon Less	(Director of Competition Reform Programme) item 5
Jon Ashley	(Team Leader Market Design) item 5
David Hackett	(European Affairs Manager) item 6
Seema Mistry	(European Affairs Co-ordinator) item 6

1. Declarations of interest

1.1 None.

2. Minutes and actions arising

2.1 The Board approved minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2009. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

3. United Utilities Water Plc – Penketh sewer flooding

3.1 The Board discussed and approved the issuing of a section 20(1) Notice setting out Ofwat's proposal to make an enforcement order with the purpose of securing that United Utilities delivers solutions to

- remove customers in the Penketh area from the risk of sewer flooding by August 2011
- 3.2 The Board delegated the finalisation and issuing of the Notice and the draft enforcement order under s20(1) to Regina Finn.
- 4. Draft strategic business planning assumptions 2010-11 to 2014-15**
- 4.1 The Board discussed assumptions that would underpin Ofwat's strategic business plan. The Board would be asked to approve the final strategic business plan for Ofwat at its November meeting.
- 5. Building the evidence base for the benefits of upstream competition**
- 5.1 The Board discussed and approved key messages for a December publication setting out evidence on some of the benefits on upstream competition.
- 5.2 The Board delegated finalisation of the document to Regina Finn and Cathryn Ross.
- 6. European positioning paper**
- 6.1 The Executive presented to Board a revised approach to European affairs. The Board discussed and approved the revised approach.
- 7. PR09 update**
- 7.1 The Executive updated the Board on progress towards Ofwat's final determinations.
- 8. Quarter 2 performance report 2009-10**
- 8.1 The Executive presented to Board its performance report for delivering Ofwat's strategy and a year-to-date finance report. The Board noted progress and the budget position.
- 9. Quarter 2 strategic risk report**
- 9.1 The Board discussed and noted the risk management report.
- 10. Chief Executive's report**
- 10.1 The Board received an update on key issues. These included:
- Suez Environment's takeover of Agbar, the owner of Bristol Water.
 - Joint working with the DWI on drinking water quality issues.
- 11. Any other business**
- 11.1 None.

Ian Stephens
28 October 2009