



Ofwat Board

Meeting held on Thursday 09 September 2010 in Birmingham

Members in attendance

Chairman:

Philip Fletcher

Non-Executive Directors:

Mike Brooker

Penny Boys

Gill Owen

Peter Bucks

Chief Executive:

Regina Finn

Executive Directors:

Keith Mason

Cathryn Ross

Apologies:

Jane May

In attendance:

Huw Brooker	(Director of Legal Services and Board Secretary)
Ian Stephens	(Assistant Board Secretary – minutes)
Amanda Borrmann	(Senior Economist – observing)
Rob Ashley	(Interim Director of Policy and Communications)
Mark Snow	(Senior Case Officer) item 3
Kalpesh Brahmhatt	(Casework Director) items 3, 4 & 5
Dan Mason	(Case Manager) items 4
Tim Keyworth	(Chief Economist) items 4 & 5
Mark Hann	(Associate Director) item 6
Stuart Crawford	(Director of Corporate Services and Programme Management) item 7

1. Declarations of interest

- 1.1 Penny Boys informed the Board that she had accepted an invitation to be on the selection panel for the recruitment of the Chairman at the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

2. Minutes and actions arising

- 2.1 The Board approved minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2010. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

3. Competition Act 1998 prioritisation principles

- 3.1 The Board approved the publication of Ofwat's Competition Act 1998 prioritisation principles and an associated response to consultation document.

4. Update on new appointments policy

- 4.1 The Executive updated the Board on responses to the consultation on Ofwat's new appointments policy.
- 4.2 The Board agreed a timetable for it to finalise and sign-off a final version of the policy for publication later in 2010.

5. Update on bulk supply pricing policy principles

- 5.1 The Executive updated the Board on responses to the consultation on Ofwat's bulk supply pricing policy principles.
- 5.2 The Board agreed a timetable for it to finalise and sign-off a final version of the policy for publication later in 2010.

6. Competition Commission findings on Bristol Water

- 6.1 The Executive updated the Board on the outcome of the Competition Commission's determination of price limits for Bristol Water.

7. Chief Executive's report

- 7.1 The Board received an update on key issues. These included:

- The review of Ofwat announced by Defra.
- Thames Tideway.
- The transfer of responsibility for private sewers.

8. Update on European strategy

8.1 The Board noted the paper updating it on Ofwat's approach in Europe.

9. Any other business

9.1 The Board thanked Ian Stephens for his work as Assistant Board Secretary over the previous two years and welcomed Amanda Borrman who would take over the role.

Ian Stephens

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