



## Ofwat Board

Meeting held on Thursday 11 November 2010 in Birmingham

### Members in attendance

**Chairman:**

Philip Fletcher

**Non-Executive Directors:**

Mike Brooker

Peter Bucks

Jane May

Gill Owen

Penny Boys

**Chief Executive:**

Regina Finn

**Executive Directors:**

Keith Mason

Cathryn Ross

**Apologies:**

None

### In attendance:

Huw Brooker	(Director of Legal Services and Board Secretary)
Amanda Borrman	(Assistant Board Secretary – minutes)
Stuart Crawford	(Director of Corporate Services and Programme Management) all items
Rob Ashley	(Interim Director of Policy and Communications) all items
Dylan Spedding	(Contents Editor) item 5
Louise Bickley	(Head of Publications and Digital Media) item 5
Mark Worsfold	(Head of Asset Strategy) item 6
Mark Hann	(Associate Director) item 7

## 1. Declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Board was briefed on a Court of Appeal judgement which confirmed the law on apparent bias/conflicts of interest.

## **2. Minutes and actions arising**

- 2.1 The Board approved minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2010. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

## **3. Oral update on Finance**

- 3.1 The Executive provided an update on Ofwat's financial position for financial year 2010-11. The Board noted and discussed the headline figures.

## **4. Strategic Business Plan 2011-12 to 2015-16**

- 4.1 The Board discussed and approved Ofwat's strategic business plan (SBP) for 2011-12 to 2015-16, noting that it will be reviewed in the light of developments, including the outcome of the Governments' review of Ofwat if appropriate.

## **5. Draft forward programme 2011-12 to 2013-14**

- 5.1 The Board discussed Ofwat's draft Forward Programme 2011-12 to 2013-14. The Board delegated final sign off of the document for consultation to Philip Fletcher and Regina Finn.

## **6. Incentivising Innovation**

- 6.1 The Executive updated the Board on some strands of work on incentivising innovation. The Board discussed and stressed the importance of removing barriers to innovation.

## **7. Water White Paper update**

- 7.1 The Executive updated the Board on progress made in response to the development of the Water White Paper. This included:

- Meetings with Defra;
- Links to the Governments' review of Ofwat; and
- Identification of next steps.

## **8. Chief Executive's report**

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

- The draft bulk supply determination involving Albion Water and Dwr Cymru and the process for finalising the determination;
- Southern Water's universal metering programme;
- Casework; and
- Stakeholder contacts.

## **9. Any other business**

- 9.1 The Board briefly discussed various operational issues, including thanking Rob Ashley for his work as Interim Director of Policy and Communications.

**Amanda Borrmann**  
**11 November 2010**