



## Ofwat Board

Meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2013

### Members in attendance

**Chairman:**  
Jonson Cox

**Chief Executive:**  
Regina Finn

**Non-Executive Directors:**  
Penny Boys  
Robin Paynter Bryant  
Wendy Barnes  
Catherine Waddams  
Martin Lawrence  
Chris Burchell

**Executive Directors:**  
Sonia Brown  
Keith Mason

### In attendance:

Robert Beasley	(Director of Corporate Affairs) – all items
Huw Brooker	(Director of Legal Services and Board Secretary) – all items
Dan Mason	(Assistant Board Secretary) – minutes
Stuart Crawford	(Senior Director of Corporate Services and Programme Management) – all items
Heather Clayton	(Delivery Director) – item 4
Andrew Beaver	(Director of Strategy) – item 4
Simon Less	(Project Director) – item 4
Andrew Walker	(Delivery Director) – item 4
Joe Sunderland	(Delivery Director) – item 4
David Black	(Director of Economics) – item 4
Stephen St Pier	(Head of Transfer Pricing) – item 4

## 1. Declarations of interest

- 1.1 Martin Lawrence confirmed to the Board that a relevant company had no intention of entering the water sector, and he would update the Board if that were to change at any point.

## **2. Minutes**

- 2.1 Subject to minor drafting amendments, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2013. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

## **3. Chief Executive Report**

- 3.1 The Board received an update on key issues. These included:
- Thames Water considering submitting an application for an IDoK;
  - the OpenWater programme; and
  - the Department for Business, Innovation Skills' consultation on streamlining regulatory and competition appeals.
- 3.3 Subject to the comments provided, the Board agreed the proposed process for sign off of Ofwat's Annual Report.

## **4. 2014 price review (PR14) methodology**

- 4.1 The Executive presented to the Board a number of proposals on key issues related to the price review ahead of the forthcoming methodology statement, including decisions around a risk based review of business plans, wholesale and retail issues.
- 4.2 The Board agreed the various policy recommendations for the methodology document, including those discussed and those noted as having had sufficient discussion at previous meetings, subject to Board reviewing the criteria to be applied to the risk based review of business plans at its July meeting.
- 4.3 The Board also provided general suggestions on the language to be used in the methodology statement. The Board also discussed the need to consider how the launch of the methodology statement should be communicated to stakeholders.
- 4.4 The Board asked to see a draft of the Executive Summary of the methodology statement at its July meeting for comment. The Board delegated authority to sign-off the final methodology document to the Chairman and Chief Executive.

## **5. Monthly financial report**

- 5.1 The Executive presented to Board the monthly financial report requested by the Board at its May meeting. The Executive noted that the costing information included within the report was indicative at this stage and could not be made certain until the costs of the PR14 delivery partner were established.
- 5.2 The Board therefore noted the update and would consider this further at its July meeting.

## **6. Transitional Nominations Committee**

- 6.1 The Executive recommended to Board that a temporary sub-committee of the Board be established to oversee the recruitment of vacant senior positions within Ofwat as part of the transition process ahead of the arrival of a new Chief Executive.
- 6.2 The Board agreed to the creation of the Transitional Nominations Committee with a minor change around when a committee meeting would be deemed quorate. The Board also noted that it would consider membership of its other Committees at its July Board meeting and agreed that the membership of its Audit and Remuneration Committees which would otherwise expire on 30 June would be extended until 31 July 2013.

## **7. Any other business**

- 7.1 The Board discussed arrangements for a potential further Board meeting to be held via teleconference during July.

**Dan Mason**  
**20 June 2013**