



## Ofwat Board

Meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2011 in London

### Members in attendance

**Chairman:**

Philip Fletcher

**Chief Executive:**

Regina Finn

**Non-Executive Directors:**

Penny Boys

Gill Owen

**Executive Directors:**

Keith Mason

**Apologies:**

Huw Brooker

### In attendance:

Amanda Borrmann

Marian Spain

Stuart Crawford

(Deputy Board Secretary – minutes)

(Director of Policy and Communications) all items

(Director of Corporate Services and Programme Management) items 4 to 9

Kalpesh Brahmhatt

Tim Keyworth

Noel Beale

Sheridan de Kruiff

Jill Marsal

(Casework Director) item 3

(Chief Economist) item 3

(Deputy Director of Legal Services) items 3 to 8

(Team Leader) item 3

(Principal Legal Adviser) item 3

### 1. Declarations of interest

1.1 Philip Fletcher declared that he has accepted two roles. These are:

- Chair-designate of the Mission and Public Affairs Council of the Church of England; and
- Member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Forum.

1.2 The Board noted that Philip Fletcher's appointments are not remunerated and would be recorded on the Register of Board Members' disclosable interests, which is available on the Ofwat website.

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

- 2.1 The Board approved minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2011. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

## **3. CA98 investigation: Governance and update**

- 3.1 The Executive updated the Board on a Competition Act 1998 investigation and proposed a set of governance arrangements.
- 3.2 The Board agreed with the approach to its involvement in the case and delegated decision making to the Chief Executive as Senior Responsible Officer.

## **4. Q2 Performance summary and risk report**

- 4.1 The Executive presented to Board its performance report on delivering Ofwat's strategy. It also set out the finance report for 2011-12. The Board discussed and noted progress against the strategy and the budget position.
- 4.2 The Board discussed and noted the Strategic Risk Register report for Q2 2011-12.

## **5. Thames Tideway Tunnel update**

- 5.1 The Executive updated the Board on the Thames Tideway Tunnel. The update included the timetable of the forthcoming Phase 2 public consultation on planning and details of the key workstreams.
- 5.2 The Board discussed the project in the context of Ofwat's strategy and identified the key implications of the project for the strategy. The Board noted the update.

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

- 6.1 The Board received an update on key issues. These included:
- the potential merger between South Staffordshire Water and Cambridge Water;
  - the transfer of private sewers; and

- the Beesley Lecture on on 'Solving water scarcity: markets, prices and property rights'.

## **7. Board and Committee membership**

- 7.1 The Board discussed the transitional governance arrangements for the Board and its Committees to cover the period until Board refreshed its membership.
- 7.2 The Board noted that Philip Fletcher's contract as Chairman had been extended until July 2012.
- 7.3 The Board also noted the arrangements that were established at the July Board meeting. These were appointments to the Remuneration Committee (with Gill Owen appointed as Chair), New Company Appointments Committee and Audit Committee (with Penny Boys appointed as Chair).
- 7.4 The Board confirmed these appointments to 31 December and agreed that the Executive would prepare an appropriate paper for the December Board meeting, in consultation with the Chairman and the Non-Executive Directors, suggesting relevant amendments to, or confirmation of, the above appointments in light of further developments in recruiting new Board members.

## **8. Any other business**

- 8.1 The Board was informed of an internal review of Ofwat processes and decisions that will report to the Audit Committee in November. Board will receive a further update at its next meeting.

**Amanda Borrman**  
**27 October 2011**