



**Ofwat board
Meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2012**

Members in attendance

Chairman:
Jonson Cox

Chief Executive:
Regina Finn

Non-Executive Directors:
Penny Boys
Robin Paynter Bryant
Wendy Barnes

Executive Directors:
Sonia Brown
Keith Mason

In attendance:

Huw Brooker	(Director of Legal Services and Board Secretary) – all items
Marian Spain	(Senior Director of Policy and Communications) – all items
Stuart Crawford	(Senior Director of Corporate Services and Programme Management) – all items
Dan Mason	(Assistant Board Secretary) – minutes
Heather Clayton	(Interim Delivery Director) – items 3 and 4
Steve St Pier	(Head of Transfer Pricing) – items 3 and 4
Andrew Beaver	(Director of Strategy) – items 3 and 4
Robin Pratt	(Chief Economist) – items 3 and 4
Ingrid Olsen	(Head of Regulatory Compliance) – item 3
Andrew Chesworth	(Senior Corporate Finance Adviser) – item 5

1. Declarations of interest

1.1 None

2. Minutes and actions arising

2.1 Subject to one minor amendment, the Board approved the minutes of its meeting of 15 November 2012. The minutes would be published on the Ofwat website.

3. Update on licence modifications

- 3.1 The Executive provided Board with an update on the responses received to the consultation (published in October) on proposed modifications to company licences. The Executive also updated the Board on its on-going engagement with companies and other stakeholders and potential next steps.
- 3.2 The Board noted the update and discussed the proposed next steps, noting in particular the desirability of resolving this issue as soon as reasonably possible given the forthcoming methodology framework consultation.
- 3.3 Subject to the points raised by the Board, the Board delegated the relevant decisions to the Chairman and Chief Executive with a short notice Board meeting to be convened if necessary.

4. Price controls: methodology framework consultation

- 4.1 The Executive provided Board with an updated draft of the executive summary of the methodology framework consultation document following comments received from Board at its November meeting.
- 4.2 Board provided general drafting comments on the executive summary and in particular noted the need to ensure consistency of terminology. The Board also discussed the timing of publication of the consultation and how this should be communicated, and delegated final decisions on communication to the Chief Executive.
- 4.3 Subject to Board's drafting comments, Board agreed to the content of the executive summary of consultation document. Board also agreed to delegate sign-off of the remainder of the consultation document (which would reflect the executive summary) to the Chief Executive.

5. Thames Tideway

- 5.1 The Executive provided Board with an update on the proposed approach to financing and delivery of the Thames Tideway Tunnel.
- 5.2 The Board welcomed the update and noted that it would consider the overall approach for delivery of the project at its January and/or February meetings.

6. Chief Executive's report

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

- an update on the draft Water Bill; and
- an update on the winding up of Ofwat's Advisory Panel.

7. Any other business

7.1 None.

Dan Mason
13 December 2012