

Met Office Board

Summary

29 April 2021

Meeting held remotely using Microsoft Teams

- There were no apologies.
- Rob Woodward (Chair) noted this additional Board meeting was being held to ensure timely approval of the annual Budget, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and new Public Weather Service Customer Group (PWSCG) agreement.
- Rob Woodward congratulated the Executive and the Met Office on signing the new supercomputer agreement with Microsoft.
- Nick Jobling (CFO) presented the annual Budget, which had been finalised following clarification of the funding position for the Met Office. The Board approved the Budget for financial year 2021/22.
- The Board approved the dividend payable to BEIS of £8.5m for the financial year 2021/22.
- Nick Jobling presented the final KPIs for FY2020/21. These had been discussed at the March and previous Board meetings and had now been updated to reflect the final funding position. The Board approved the KPIs.
- Ian Cameron presented the proposed Public Weather Service Customer Supplier Agreement (PWS CSA). A draft had been reviewed at the March Board meeting and it had been signed off by the PWSCG the previous day. The Board approved the sign off of the PWS CSA.
- Rob Woodward noted that it was Sir John Beddington's final meeting as a Director of the Met Office after seven years, including a spell as Acting Chair. He thanked him for his immense contribution over this period which had included some challenging interludes and much change.
- Next meeting to be held on 27 May 2021.