

Members	Others Present
Julia Drown (JD) - Chair David Corner (DC) Andrew Coulson (AC)	Pete Borriello (PB) – VMD Marie-Odile Hendrickx (MOH) – VMD Paul Green (PG) Linda Simmons (LS) – VMD
Observers	Mike Griffiths (MG) – VMD Sue Rawlinson (SR) – VMD – Notetaker

MANAGEMENT BOARD ONLY ITEMS

1. **Apologies for absence**
None.
2. **Declarations of interest in the matters to be discussed**
None.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016** **VMDMB 16/22**
Members agreed the minutes.
4. **Matters Arising** **VMDMB 16/24**
The NED’s were informed that David Kennedy had been appointed as the new Director General for Food, Farming and Animal and Plant Health and would start his new position on Monday 9th January 2017.
5. **Focus Topic**
It was suggested that the VMD consider inviting David Kennedy to talk about his vision for the VMD. PB suggested a combination of two topics, EU exit and VMD Global Outreach for the next focus topic. Some thought will be given to this at the next meeting.
6. **CEO’s Report** **VMDMB 16/25**
The CEO gave a brief overview of his report and draft EU exit paper.
 - AMR work remains high profile. Sales of antibiotics fell sharply in 2015.
 - We have been successfully working with eBay in preventing the illegal sales of veterinary medicines.
 - The VMD’s Defra funding is to be cut by around 10% following the cross-Defra business planning exercise to identify savings for 2017-18.
 - Excellent staff survey result. The VMD is the top performer in the Defra group and 8th out of 98 Civil Service organisations surveyed.
 - A tender for the collection of egg and milk samples was held. We only received one bid that did not meet the accreditation criteria. We are considering next steps.

- The VMD continues to contribute to Defra's assessment of the impact of EU exit. We appointed an EU Exit Coordinator in early November to support these activities.

The board noted the report and annexes.

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Presentation from Martin Devine (Defra)

Martin gave a presentation to the board on 'Transforming the Defra group'.

7. Report On Delivery Against the Business Plan

VMDMB 16/27

The board noted the 2 amber KPIs.

8. Finance Reports

VMDMB 16/28

The board noted the accounts pack for September.

9. MB Work plan

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Q1 2017 – to invite David Kennedy

10. Any other business

None.

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