

Defra Board Minutes: 17 May 2018

Board Members in attendance were:

- Michael Gove Secretary of State (SoS)
- George Eustice Minister of State
- Lord Gardiner Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Claire Moriarty Permanent Secretary
- Nick Joicey Director General, Strategy, EU Exit and Finance
- Henry Dimbleby Lead Non-Executive Director
- Paul Rew Non-Executive Director
- Ben Goldsmith Non-Executive Director
- Elizabeth Buchanan Non-Executive Director
- Emma Howard Boyd Non-Executive Ex-Officio
- Andrew Sells Non-Executive Ex-Officio

Apologies received from:

- Thérèse Coffey Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Betsy Bassis Director General, Chief Operating Officer
- Lizzie Noel Non-Executive Director
- Colin Day Non-Executive Director

Also in attendance were:

- Tessa Jones Director of Strategy
- Board Secretary
- Private Secretary to Secretary of State
- Permanent Secretary's Office
- Board Secretariat Team

Declarations of Interest and Minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 19 March 2018 were agreed. Board members provided declarations of interest.

Reports from Sub-committees

The Board was provided with reports from the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) and the Executive Committee (ExCo).

Verbal Updates from Non-Executive Directors

Non-Executive Directors provided verbal updates on their work in the Department.

EU Exit Overview

Tamara Finkelstein, DG EU Exit Delivery, provided the Board with an update on the department's EU Exit preparations.

Development of the Defra Strategy

Tessa Jones, Director of Strategy, provided an update on the development of the Defra Strategy recognising that following EU Exit it may need to be revised.

25 Year Environment Plan

Sonia Phippard, DG Environment, Rural and Marine and colleagues joined the meeting and outlined current issues. The Board discussed the timeline for implementation of the 25 Year Environment Plan and the development of metrics for measuring progress.

Defra Group Preparations for GDPR

The Board agreed to discuss this issue at a future meeting.

Any Other Business

No matters were raised.