

Defra Board Minutes: 4 March 2019

Board members in attendance were

- Michael Gove Secretary of State
- Thérèse Coffey Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- David Rutley Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Clare Moriarty Permanent Secretary
- Tamara Finkelstein Director General, EU Exit Delivery
- Sonia Phippard Director General, Marine, Natural Environment & Rural
- Sarah Homer Interim Chief Operating Officer
- David Kennedy Director General, Food, Farming, & Biosecurity
- Shaun Gallagher Director General, Strategy Delivery
- Heather Smith Group Finance Director
- Henry Dimbleby Lead Non-Executive Director
- Colin Day Non-Executive Director
- Elizabeth Buchanan Non-Executive Director
- Lizzie Noel Non-Executive Director
- Ben Goldsmith Non-Executive Director
- Emma Howard Boyd Non-Executive Ex-Officio

Apologies were received from

- Lord Gardiner Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

Also in attendance were

- Emily Miles Director EU Exit Domestic & Constitutional Affairs
- Toby Nation Group Communications Director
- John Curnow Director of Analysis
- Sally Warren Director EU Exit Preparedness and Response
- Caroline Crowther Director of Strategy
- Andrew Pattison Interim Group Finance Director
- Secretary of State's Private Office
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State's Private Office
- Permanent Secretary's Office
- Board Secretariat

Declarations of Interest and minutes from the previous meeting

There were no new declarations of interest. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 January 2019 were agreed.

Defra's April-June EU Exit Planning

The Board discussed the current planning scenarios, including for a potential no deal exit; a short extension to Article 50; a negotiated settlement; and longer-term uncertainty.

Readiness for 29 March No Deal Exit

The Board discussed the current status of Defra projects designed to prepare for a potential no deal exit from the EU plus the preparedness of industry for EU exit.