

# Defra Board Minutes: 11 July 2019

Board Members in attendance were

- Michael Gove Secretary of State
- David Rutley Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Tamara Finkelstein Permanent Secretary
- Sonia Phippard Director General, Marine, Natural Environment & Rural
- Sarah Homer Director General, Chief Operating Officer
- David Kennedy Director General, Food, Farming, & Biosecurity
- Shaun Gallagher Director General, Strategy Delivery
- Andrew Pattison Group Finance Director
- Henry Dimbleby Lead Non-Executive Director
- Elizabeth Buchanan Non-Executive Director
- Lizzie Noel Non-Executive Director
- Emma Howard Boyd Non-Executive Ex-Officio
- Tony Juniper Non-Executive Ex-Officio

Apologies were received from

- Thérèse Coffey Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Lord Gardiner Parliamentary Under Secretary of state
- Robert Goodwill Minister of state
- Colin Day Non-Executive Director
- Ben Goldsmith Non-Executive Director
- Emily Miles Director EU Exit Domestic & Constitutional Affairs

Also in attendance were

- Secretary of State's Office
- Permanent Secretary's Office
- Board Secretariat

## Note of Defra Board Meeting, 2 May 2019

There were no new declarations of interest from Board members. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 May 2019 were agreed. The Board noted that a new Prime Minister would be appointed in the week of 22 July.

## Updates from non-executive directors

Non-Executive Directors gave updates on their activities since the last Board meeting.

## Performance and Finance update

The Board discussed the 2018/19 Q4 Finance, Performance and Risk report introduced by Andrew Pattison, Group Finance Director.

## **Future Farming and Environmental Land Management (ELM)**

The Board received an update on the Future Farming programme from David Kennedy, Director General of Food, Farming, & Biosecurity.

## **Net Zero Emissions and COP26 update**

The Board discussed the challenges of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050 and received an update on the UK's COP26 bid from Sonia Phippard, Director General for Marine, Natural Environment and Rural.

## **Any Other Business**

No other matters were raised.