

MINUTE OF UKEF BOARD MEETING – 3 JUNE 2015

Present:	Guy Beringer (Chair)	Andrew Wiseman	Item 2
	Sir Eric Peacock	Vasso Agapitou	Item 3
	Amin Mawji	Paul Radford	Item 3
	Adam Jackson	John Cross	Item 3
	David Godfrey	Larry Lily	Item 4
	Steve Dodgson	Kristian Hibberd	Item 5
	David Havelock	Pat Cauthery	Item 6
	Lucy Wylde	Carol Gradwell	Item 6
	Cameron Fox	Mark Hopkins	Item 6
	Jane Owen		

Apologies: Roger Lowe
Caleb Deeks

Secretary: Satnam Singh

1. Draft Minute of 6 May meeting

1.1. The draft minute was agreed with a minor amendment.

2. Draft EGAC Report

2.1. The EGAC Chairman provided the Board with an update on the Annual EGAC Report for inclusion in the 2014/15 UKEF Annual Report and Accounts, and thanked UKEF staff for their support to the Council.

2.2. The Board were advised that EGAC continues to work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and the business community, to address concerns over environmental issues, bribery and corruption, and the protection of human rights.

2.3. It was noted that EGAC had recently appointed a new member who brought considerable experience in human rights and environmental issues.

3. Credit Risk Review

3.1. The Board received a presentation and update on UKEF's credit risk review, of financial year 2014/15, and forecast for 2015/16.

- 3.2. The portfolio of risk for the department was at an overall rating of BB- / BBB+, which represented a strong position for an export credit agency and meant the department was well within its financial objectives.
- 3.3. The Board heard that a new head of underwriting had been appointed in Trade Finance and Insurance Solutions (TFIS) and that new delegated authorities had been given to TFIS to speed up the turnaround time for providing short-term support. To further increase turnaround times for providing support, KPMG had been appointed to conduct a feasibility study into UKEF delegating certain authorities to banks.
- 3.4. It was noted by the Board that the British Bankers Association (BBA) had met with Lord Maude and the Director of Credit Risk Group and gave positive feedback on the work of UKEF and had said they welcomed the proposals to delegate certain authorities to banks.
- 3.5. It was reported to the Board that there had been some criticism of UKEF as not having sufficient risk appetite but that this was unfounded, as the department had undertaken the vast majority of business it was presented with and turned down very little.

4. Review of Performance Highlights Report

- 4.1. The Board were informed that for the first time, UKEF had produced a snapshot of the Annual Report and Accounts which would be sent to stakeholders who had previously received the 3 year Business Plan.
- 4.2. Board members requested sight of the draft document before it was sent out to external stakeholders.

5. Marketing update

- 5.1. The Board received a presentation on the marketing strategy and noted that UKTI had received approval from Cabinet Office Efficiency and Reform Group (ERG) for their marketing campaign and that the UKEF Marketing and Communications Divisions was developing its proposals to also gain similar ERG approval.

5.2. The Board asked that they receive a further marketing/communications update in September 2015 and that it should contain information on the return on investment for the Exporting is Great campaign.

6. Review of Board Effectiveness

6.1 The Board received an update of the Internal Audit and Risk Assurance Division's work on the review of Board effectiveness, to ensure that UKEF and the Board adhere to best practices across government.

7. Any Other Business

9.1 There was no other business.

Satnam Singh

Chief Executive's Office