

MINUTE OF UKEF BOARD MEETING – 21 JANUARY 2016

Present: Guy Beringer (Chair) V Agapitou Item 3
Sir Eric Peacock M Vale Item 4
Amin Mawji
Louis Taylor
David Havelock
Steve Dodgson
Lucy Wylde
Cameron Fox
Adam Jackson
Justin Manson
Jane Owen

Secretary: Satnam Singh

1. Draft Minute of 12 November 2015 meeting

1.1. The draft minute was agreed.

2. Q3 Business Performance Review Headlines

2.1. The Board received a verbal update from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Director of the Business Group, on the performance of the business in Quarter 3 (Q3).

2.2. Board members were reminded that due to the nature of the business undertaken on the civil/non-aerospace side of the Department, this typically being more complex and longer-term project financing, it was very difficult to forecast with accuracy, the timing of when such transactions would come to completion.

2.3. It was agreed that the formal Q3 Business Performance Review (QBPR) document should be circulated to the Board, as soon as it was available.

3. Credit Risk Group – Pricing Update

3.1. At the 12 November 2015 UKEF Board meeting, a comprehensive update was provided by the senior management team of the Credit Risk Group on the policies, processes and governance structures in place in UKEF.

- 3.2. It had not been possible at that time to receive an update on the pricing regimes employed in the Department, due to the lack of available time, and an agreement had been reached for Board members to be provided with this at the next available opportunity.
- 3.3. As a result, the Board received an update at this meeting.
- 3.4. It was noted that as the UK's official Export Credit Agency (ECA), UKEF has to adhere to certain pricing criteria, such as minimum premium rates it can charge, as prescribed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
- 3.5. The Board was also advised that other key considerations in setting the pricing in UKEF are the need for the Department to complement the commercial markets and not compete with them, and to operate at no net cost to the taxpayer.

4. Cyber Security Update

- 4.1. The Head of Security at UKEF gave Board members an update on the provisions made in the Department to deal with the threat of security attacks, especially those termed cyber attacks.
- 4.2. Board members were informed that the threat of any type of security attack on UKEF is taken very seriously, and as such, suitably robust mechanisms are in place to deal with such threats.
- 4.3. It was noted by the Board that any future updates to the IT provision and capability in UKEF would continue to contain suitable levels of security defences.
- 4.4. Non-executive Directors were issued with information on the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Criminal Justice Secure eMail (CJSM) system and were informed that they would be set up with these secure email accounts in due course.

5. Business Transformation and Organisational Changes

- 5.1. The documents that the CEO had asked to be circulated in advance of the meeting were taken as read.
- 5.2. Board members were already aware of the changes that were taking place in the Department and were given the opportunity to discuss further and offer advice accordingly.
- 5.3. In addition to previous updates and documents circulated, the CEO also shared a “UKEF Message House” which was a single document that would clearly indicate to staff and stakeholders alike, the core values and mission of UKEF.

6. Any other business

- 6.1. It was noted that the Minister for Trade (MfT) had agreed to UKEF adopting the Equator Principles.

Satnam Singh

Chief Executive’s Office