

EXPORT GUARANTEES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 October 2023

Present: Ms Vanessa Havard-Williams (Chair)
Dr Ben Caldecott, EGAC (items 1-3)
Mr Harold Freeman, EGAC
Mr John Morrison, EGAC
Ms Sarah Steele, EGAC
Mr Stephen Prior, EGAC
Dr Roseline Wanjiru, EGAC
Ms Kimberley Wiehl, UKEF Non-Executive Director
Mr Tim Reid, UKEF
Ms Julia Beck, UKEF

Presenters: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Ms Jayne Whymark

Observers: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Apologies: None

Secretary: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

- 1.1. Members reviewed and approved the minutes and actions from the June 2023 meeting.
- 1.2. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. **Sustainability Strategy**

- 2.1. [REDACTED] presented the Sustainability Strategy to the council.
- 2.2. Members discussed stakeholder consultation, engagement across other government departments, and how much of the strategy would be made public.
- 2.3. [REDACTED] presented the Materiality Assessment. Members enquired about the language used and commented on the need to identify the most urgent issues to prioritise, while noting that there needed to be a distinction in terminology between outcomes and the processes taken to get there. They commended the four key topics chosen by the team, while asking that 'social' issues be fleshed out more.
- 2.4. [REDACTED] presented a logic model for principles, products and segments of transition. [REDACTED] asked the council to consider where UKEF should sit on a passive-to-active spectrum over the next five years. [REDACTED]
- 2.5. [REDACTED] presented UKEF's targets to incentivise sustainable deals, asking for EGAC's views on the key enablers required to meet the targets. The committee were supportive. They asked about the implementation and heard that for the moment UKEF would stick with current methods while in due course considering the taxonomy, consulting external stakeholders and having a review in 2027. The committee weighed up the benefits of percentage versus absolute targets, enquired as to the integrity of the indicators used and asked about future plans on setting nature KPIs.
- 2.6. The Chair commended this work and was happy that UKEF were moving away from the pipeline target. Members were happy with the draft strategic framework and priority projects to be delivered.

3. **TCFD wash up and way forward**

- 3.1. As the project for the implementation of TCFD was ending and transitioning to BAU, [REDACTED] led a discussion about lessons learnt. Council members were consulted for their reflections, advice for future sustainability reporting, the pace at which reporting plans are likely to develop, and expectations of the approach to assurance.
- 3.2. Members noted the considerable amount of change management required and cautioned that this should not be underestimated. They discussed the benefits of greater transparency in reporting emissions, noting that such reporting marked a huge cultural shift for a financial institution and that in the near future there was

likely to be further disruption around reporting of disclosures with the evolution of technology.

4. **Financial Crime Risk Appetite Statement**

- 4.1. [REDACTED] presented the new Financial Crime Risk Appetite Statement (RAS).
- 4.2. [REDACTED]
- 4.3. The committee commended the revised RAS. Individual members would share recommendations for further refinements with the team separately.

5. **Any other business**

- 5.1. [REDACTED]

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EGAC Secretariat