Company No: NI054463

NI Water Ltd ("the Company")

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board")
Held in Conference Room, Westland House
on Tuesday 28th May 2019 @ 10.30 am

Present: Len O'Hagan Chairman

Peter McNaney
John Rae
Trish McAuley
Kingsley Donaldson
Jim McCall
Non Executive Director

Sara Venning Chief Executive

Ronan Larkin Finance & Regulation Director
Paul Harper Director of Asset Delivery

In attendance: Mark Ellesmere General Counsel & Company Secretary

Rose Kelly Director of People & Learning
Alistair Jinks Head of Business Improvement

Cathy Uprichard Head of Safety, Health and Environment (Item 2)

Anthony Lynn Head of Communications (Item 4)

**Apologies:** Des Nevin Interim Director of Customer Services Delivery

There were no conflicts of interest declared at the beginning of the meeting.

### 1. i. Draft Board Minutes - 1st May 2019

The draft minutes of the meetings on 1st May 2019 were approved.

#### ii. Board Actions

No outstanding Board actions. It was noted that the PPP update report would now be presented on a quarterly basis.

### 2. Health and Safety Report

- There was one NI Water KPI incident in period which was discussed. It was noted that the refusal of a request for road closure was being escalated to TNI.
- The use of technology in vehicles was under active consideration as part of a review of occupational road risk.

## 3. Main Board Report

### Significant matters in month.

The CEO provided an update on the following matters:

- Finance currently being reported against the board approved operating plan, recent confirmation of resource and capital DEL allocations from Dfl for 19/20 fall short in both areas impact on capital programme is being reviewed.
- A detailed discussion then ensued between Members in relation to funding the Company and those involved in the decision making progress.
- The Board expressed its frustration that it was often not included in such discussions.
- Omega Facilitation engagement ongoing between the parties in order to conclude this process in the near future.
- NI Public Sector Energy Strategy Launch attended by the Chairman and CEO.
- Capital Delivery Framework IF105 the current position was noted including anticipated timelines to complete the tender process.

### Colleagues

 Updates were noted in relation to pay negotiations, health and wellbeing and recent business awards.

#### Customer

• A detailed discussion ensured in relation to leakage and the potential expenditure required to maintain and or recover the current position.

### Compliance

 The current position on drinking water quality and wastewater compliance was noted.

#### Finance

The risk of non delivery of nominated outputs for PC15 currently under review.
 An additional £2.6M Capital DEL confirmed by Dfl in relation to the Living With Water Programme.

# 4. Engagement Strategy Update

 The Board received a presentation on implementation of the engagement strategy.

### 5. Theme - People and Learning

• The Director of People and Learning provided a presentation on the transformation of this area of the business.

#### 6. PC21 Update

- The PC21 update was noted including a detailed discussion in relation to emerging views on opex efficiency.
- The potential for a productivity challenge was discussed in the context of the company's current governance model and the impact of the latter on a former.

# 7. Approvals

### 7.1 Subsidy Assurance

• Approved based upon the information provided within the report.

# 7.2 Supply of Abloy Locks and Keys

• Approved based upon the information provided within the report.

### 8. Risk Committee Update

- A Member of the Risk Committee provided a verbal update on matters considered by the Committee at its last meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- The Threats and Opportunities 19/20 were approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee.

#### 9. 18/19 Assurance Statement

• The 18/19 Assurance Statement was noted.

#### 10. Forward Look

The forward look was noted.

## 11. Any Other Business

• The Chairman confirmed that going forward the Shareholder meetings would be attended by the Chairman and the Chairs of the Board Sub Committees.