

Title of Paper :	Minutes of the Board Meeting - 22 nd May 2015
To be presented by:	Chair
Purpose of paper: (approval/information)	For the Board to agree the minutes of its meeting for subsequent internet publication.
Significant Issues:	None

Present:	Len O'Hagan Kevin Steele John Rae Deep Sagar Sara Venning Ronan Larkin George Butler Sean McAleese	Chairman Non Executive Director Non Executive Director Non Executive Director Chief Executive Finance & Regulation Director Asset Management Director Customer Services Delivery Director
In attendance:	Mark Ellesmere Pauline Sterling Ciaran Crozier Bill Gowdy Mark Mitchell Caroline McGale Alistair Jinks Lewis Murray Jim Stewart	General Counsel & Company Secretary EA/CEO Head of PPP (Item 4) Director of Engineering Procurement (Items 4, 5 and 7) Head of CPMR (Items 5 and 7) Acting Head of Regulation (Item 6 and 7) Head of BI (Item 8.2) Senior Category Manager (Items 8.4 and 8.5) Non-Executive Director
Apologies:		

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

1. Draft Board Minutes - 29th April 2015

The draft minutes of the meeting on 29th April were approved.

Board Actions - 29th April 2015

Update reports were noted on interruptions to supply and leakage. All other actions were complete or on track for completion within agreed timeframes.

2. Health and Safety Update

- No reportable incidents in period.
- Health and wellbeing initiatives well received by staff.
- General discussion about health and safety plan and ambition and targets.
- Agreement that the Board should approve Health and Safety strategy and it should remain as the first item on the agenda but consider Health Safety and Environment Committee under Governance Review when the new Board is appointed.

3. Main Board Report

Significant Issues in month

Updates provided by the Chief Executive in relation to pay remit, public expenditure cuts, pension proposals. Detailed discussion on Utility Regulator's report on Industrial Action and comments in relation to scenario planning and the NI Water Board. Report to be circulated together with a draft letter from the Chair to the Chair of the Utility Regulator as well as draft press release.

The Board noted that the Chair had asked for advice on Governance issues from DLA Piper to be shared with Board members and DRD in due course.

Finance, Governance and Risk Issues

- Some slippage on capital spend but to be brought back on target by the half year.
- Awaiting DRD approval on draft budget 15/16.
- Corporate Risks 2 and 7 now combined into one corporate risk.
- No new audit reports in period.

Compliance Issues

- Drinking water quality and waste water compliance on target.

4. PPP - Exceptions Report

The update report was noted. The Board approved reimbursement of the contractor's additional costs arising out of the industrial action as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

5. CWP - No Surprises Report

The update report was noted. It was agreed that the Annagher Project be reviewed in relation to the timing of its conclusion within this report.

6. 2015/16 Adjusted Outputs

The Board received a presentation on Adjusted Outputs for 15/16. The Board discussed the presentation in detail including scenario planning for the 16/17 budget. The Chair asked for a summary note of the impact of the adjusted outputs that could be used with key stakeholders and with the public at large.

7. Capital Investment Programme/Capital Scenario Planning

The Board discussed the report in detail and the suggested capital spend profile for the next 3 years. Management to consider engagement with DETI and or DFP in relation to the consequences of underfunding. The Board agreed with the current approach on capital that there should be no impairment of current assets.

8.1 Agreement of NIW Borrowing Facilities

Approved based upon the information provided within the report.

8.2 FOM Business Case - Wave 1

The Board discussed the draft business case in detail and confirmed its full support for submission to DRD. Management agreed to consider rebranding the programme and that the risks in not proceeding be emphasised within the document. It was also agreed this item should be placed on the QSM Agenda.

8.3 2014/15 Subsidy Assurance Statement from NIW to DRD

8.4 C728 - Mechanical Installation, Repair and Maintenance (MIRM) Contract

8.5 C761 - Desludging of Septic Tanks and Associated Services

Approved based upon the information provided within the reports.

9. Procurement Activity Report

The update report was noted.

10. Audit Committee Update

The Chair of the Committee referred to the draft minutes of the meeting on 20th May. It was noted that the Auditor was due to meet separately with DRD and the Utility Regulator in relation to going concern and related licence issues.

11. Weather Watch

There were no current weather warnings in place.

12. Forward Look

To be updated.

13. Any Other Business

None.