

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2013 IN QUEENS HOUSE, BELFAST AT 1 P.M.

Present:

Bill Emery (Chairman), Richard Rodgers, Bill Cargo, Teresa Perchard, Harry McCracken, David Strahan, Jenny Pyper (chief executive)

In attendance:

SMT - Kevin Shiels, Brian McHugh, Tanya Hedley, Jo Aston, Greg Irwin (board secretary/communications manager)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Harry McCracken declared a potential interest regarding the enduring solution agenda item and voluntarily withdrew from the meeting before that item was discussed by the board.

3. DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGY/ FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 Jenny Pyper introduced this item and updated the board on the development of the draft since the last board meeting.
- 3.2 Board members noted the progress that had been made on the draft documents. In discussion there were several generic comments made on the draft documents around: document length, setting out more about who the Authority works with and on delivery, the number of performance indicators, providing some prioritisation around forward work programme projects, and, the drafting of strategy outcomes.
- 3.3 Specifically, there was agreement around the need for three objectives and it was agreed that the executive team would refine the wording of the third consumer-focused objective.
- 3.4 It was agreed that a final draft of the corporate strategy and forward work programme would be reviewed by the board at its December meeting.

4. ENDURING SOLUTION COST RECOVERY

- 4.1 Kevin Shiels introduced this item, which sought the board's approval on the proposal for a cost recovery amount for the installation of the Enduring Solution information technology system.
- 4.2 The board approved the proposal.

There being no other business, the board meeting concluded at 2.15 p.m.