

Water Sector Innovation Leadership Group

Meeting minutes 2 July 2013

Nobel House, Defra

Attendees:

Tom Flood (Independent Chair)	Dr David Smoker (SBWWI)
Chris Newsome (UKWIR and Anglian Water)	Mark Worsfold (Ofwat)
Simon Cocks (Severn Trent Water)	Sonia Phippard (Defra)
Paul Mullord (British Water)	Lynne Currie (BIS)
Russell Ball (BIS)	Keith Mason (Ofwat)
Daniel Osborn (UKRIP)	John Whittall (TSB)
Piers Clarke (Thames Water)	Jim Marshall (Water UK)
Ian Barker (Environment Agency)	Alison Maydom (Defra)
	Graham Lott (Defra)

1. Introduction

Tom Flood welcomed all to the 3rd meeting of the Group.

2. Common's Select Committee Report

Ian Barker informed the Group on the recent report by the Common's Select Committee on chemicals in the water environment "priority substances" and the comment in the report that Government need to do more to encourage innovation in the water sector. Defra to consider inviting the chairperson of the Committee to the innovation event in December.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and would be published on the Ofwat website.

4. Finalise Terms of Reference and context setting piece

The terms of reference and context setting piece were agreed by the Group and would be published on the Ofwat website.

5. Indicators

Alison Maydom reported that the work on the Indicators was progressing well and the sub-group were on course to issue the tender for the work beginning of September. The Group agreed that discussion on the list of indicators had reached its conclusion and that it should now go to tender. UKWIR would manage the tender process. It was hoped that the successful contractor would present their work on the Indicators at the December event. Alison confirmed that Defra funding would be available for the project.

Tom Flood thanked the group for their work.

6. Insight Model

Simon Cocks reported that the work on the Insight Model was progressing well and that he intended to provide a further presentation on the proposed functionality of the model at the next meeting. Lynne Currie said that subject to BIS funding criteria, up to £20k may be available for the project.

7. Innovation event

Graham Lott presented a draft on the plan for the “Leadership in Innovation” event 17th December 2013. Invitations would be issued towards the end of September. The Group were asked to provide suggestions for attendees.

Tom Flood reported that he had secured Rob Webster (CEO NHS Community Trust Leeds) and Ted Brown (Energy savings Trust) to speak at the event. He would confirm the availability of Lord Chris Smith (Environment Agency).

8. Communications - PowerPoint slides and forward look

Graham Lott presented the draft PowerPoint presentation to the Group for comment. The presentation would provide members with a high-level short presentation on the purpose and work of the Group. The presentation would be reviewed and circulated to the Group as necessary.

The Group were asked to send Graham Lott contributions to the forward look.

9. UKWRIP business and economy group

Dan Osborn provided the Group with an update on the UKWRIP business and economy group - “Tapping the Potential of the UK Water Technology Sector”. He would keep the Group informed of any developments.

10. Trade missions

Alison Maydom reported that the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Defra (Richard Benyon) would be undertaking two trade missions, the first to Brazil 30th September to 4th October which will concern water and waste water management. The second to China 2nd December to the 9th Decemeber which will focus solely on water.

11. AOB and dates for future meetings

Tom Flood reported that Lord De ‘Mauley had agreed to visit the site of the Herne Hill project “Lost Effra” on 24th July.

12. National Trust “from source to sea”

Deanna Fernance presented the National Trust’s on-going work managing water as it flows from source.

13. Date of Next Meeting

3rd October 2013.