

## STRATEGIC BOARD

### MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STRATEGIC BOARD THURSDAY 05 MARCH 2015

#### AGENDA

- 13:00** Minutes of SB(14)4th Meeting and Action Tracker
- 13:05** Audit & Risk
- ◆ The Scottish Government's Strategic Risk Register
  - ◆ The Scottish Government's Audit and Risk Committee Report
- 13:35** Scottish Government Finance Report
- 13:50** Women in Government
- 14:35** Priorities of Government
- 15:05** Business Strategy and Corporate Board Reports
- ◆ Business Strategy Progress Report (including updates from the People, Resources, Improvement Boards): 15th Quarterly Report
  - ◆ Corporate Board Reports
    - Report on Deliverables of the Constitutional, Economy and Finance Boards
- Reports
- ◆ Report of Chief Economist
  - ◆ DG Reports
- 15:30** AOB

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Peter Housden (chair), Alyson Stafford, Leslie Evans, Graeme Dickson, Sarah Davidson, Catherine Dyer, Alex Smith, Christina Allon, Linda McKay, Gary Gillespie, Carol Tannahill

**Apologies:** Paul Gray, Ken Thomson

**In Attendance:** Barbara Allison, Helen Cameron, John Connaghan, David Wilson, James Hynd, Colin McKay, Jess Roscoe

*Please note that parts of record of discussion are considered exempt from publication and have been redacted.*

### **Welcome and Introduction**

1. The Permanent Secretary welcomed all to this Strategic Board (SB) meeting.

### **Minutes of SB(14)4th Meeting and Action Tracker**

2. SB approved the minutes of SB meeting on 4 December 2014.
3. The terms of the Action Tracker were noted.
4. A paper detailing the progress that has been made on the recommendations and actions outlined in *Developing the Science and Engineering Profession within the Scottish Government's* (Annex A in the December 2014 Action Tracker) will be produced after April.

### **Audit & Risk**

#### **The Scottish Government's Strategic Risk Register (SB(15)01)**

5. Alyson Stafford presented the Risk Register.
6. Sarah Davidson and Anne Moises provided an update on risk number 5.

#### **The Scottish Government's Audit and Risk Committee (SGARC) Report (SB(15)02)**

7. Alex Smith updated SB on SGARC's work.

#### **Scottish Government Finance Report (SB(15)03)**

8. SB noted
  - The forecast; and
  - The need for Directors General to actively manage their financial position and alerting Finance Directorate on a timely basis of any changes to the current forecast that emerge.

### **Women in Government**

9. SB used this session to examine the progress being made to bring gender balance to the boardroom, senior roles in government and throughout the public, private and third sector, and also to identify ways that SG can support this agenda.

#### **Priorities of Government (SB(15)04)**

10. Sarah Davidson updated SB on the Priorities of Government meetings, being used to enhance effective integration of policy across Government.

### **Business Strategy and Corporate Board Reports**

#### **Business Strategy Progress Report (including updates from the People, Resources, Improvement Boards): 15th Quarterly Report (SB(15)05)**

11. SB agreed that it would be useful to move all Board Reports into this single format.

**Corporate Board Reports (SB(15)06)**

12. SB noted the remaining Corporate Board Reports.

**Report of Chief Economist (SB(15)07)**

13. Gary Gillespie introduced the Report of Chief Economist.

**Next Meeting**

14. The next meeting of SB is on 4 June 2015 and will take place in James Watt A, Atlantic Quay.

**DPS/Permanent Secretary** March 2015