

Natural England Board



Meeting: 19
Date: 24 February 2010

Paper No: **NEB PU19 03**

Title: **Corporate Plan 2010 - 13**

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1 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek Board approval of the draft Corporate Plan 2010 -13 for submission to Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for the Marine and Natural Environment.

2 Recommendation

2.1. It is recommended that the Board:

- Notes the action taken to address comments on the first draft made at the December Board Workshop ;
- Notes the comments received from Defra and key stakeholders on the draft and proposals for addressing them;
- Approves draft Corporate Plan 2010 -13 with final approval by Chair on 1 March for submission to Defra for sign off by the Minister;

3 Background

3.1 Our Strategic Direction 2008-13 describes the outcomes we want to deliver for the natural environment. Attached at Annex 1 is the near final draft of the 2010-13 Corporate Plan. This sets out our Corporate Plan targets, annual milestones, resource allocations and partnerships to deliver our Strategic Direction.

3.2 The Corporate Plan 2010 – 13 will cover the three years to the end of the period covered by our Strategic Direction 2008 – 13. It is important that, when taken together with all we have achieved so far, the work we set out in detail for 2010/11 and in outline for the following two years adds up to the outcomes we set ourselves in the Strategic Direction.

3.3 We have prepared this draft on the planning assumption we have been given by Defra which is a budget of flat cash less £3.2 million.

3.4 We took the first version of the Corporate Plan to the Board on 3 December and circulated to Defra and key stakeholders for comments. The majority of points raised have been incorporated into near final draft of the Corporate Plan and are set out in Annex 2. The document has been edited to create a consistent style and tone and has been reviewed from the perspective of stakeholders, partners and the private sector.

4 Next steps

4.1 The key dates in this process are:

- 1 March – Revisions requested by Board, final figures clarified with Defra and type-setting completed and submitted to Chair for approval prior to submission to the Minister.
- 24 March – Chair and Chief Executive meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for the Marine and Natural Environment to approve the Corporate Plan.
- 1 April – Corporate Plan published on website (subject to approval on Minister's approval on 24 March) and write to key stakeholders.