

**Minute of the fifty-eighth meeting of the Water Industry Commission for
Scotland**

Held on 7 July 2010 in Stirling

- Present:** Sir Ian Byatt (Chairman)
Professor David Simpson (Deputy Chairman)
Professor John Banyard
Dr Michael Brooker
Mr Charles Coulthard
Mr Alan Sutherland (Chief Executive)
- In attendance:** Mrs Katherine Russell (Director of Corporate Affairs)
Mr Ian Tait (Director of Investment – Item 6)

Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minute of previous meeting and review of action points

2.1 Declaration of conflicts of interest in relation to the Agenda

None

2.2 Minutes of last meeting (04/10)

The Commission agreed that the minute of the previous meeting was an accurate account of proceedings.

3. Update on Current Issues

3.1 Working with stakeholders and other current issues (CP53/10)

The Commission noted CP53/10, an update on the work of stakeholders and significant external events, commented that it was an extremely helpful paper and thanked staff for producing it.

3.2 Update from CMA

The Commission noted the update on the work of CMA provided by its Chief Executive Dr Jeremy Atkinson.

4. Corporate Affairs

4.1 Update from Audit Committee (CP54/10)

The Commission noted this paper and the minute of the Audit Committee

4.2 Update on the framework contracts/consultancy approvals (CP55/10)

The Commission noted the update on framework contracts.

4.3 Finance Paper (CP56/10)

The Commission noted the finance paper.

4.4 Code of Conduct (CP57/10)

The Commission approved with the enhancement outlined by Audit Scotland.

5. Competition

5.1 Oral update on licensees

The Chief Executive provided an oral update on licensees.

5.2 Update on Communications (CP58/10)

The Commission noted this update.

5.3 Update on New Retail Areas Stakeholder Consultation Groups (CP59/10)

The Commission noted the progress of the new retail areas stakeholder consultation groups.

6. Investment

6.1 Oral Update

The Commission noted the oral update on investment delivery provided by the Director of Investment.

6.2 Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership (CP60/10)

The Commission agreed that office involvement in the work of the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership should be channelled through existing regulatory mechanisms subject to obtaining satisfactory information on option appraisals.

7. Strategy

7.1 Update on Price Review Process (CP 61/10)

The Commission welcomed this update and agreed that the paper should be published in July.
