

25 April 2008 Board Minutes

SUMMARY

The Board agreed their objectives for financial year 2008/09. Progress will be reviewed mid year.

The Board were updated on progress on charging partners across government for using our network. The Board reaffirmed that charges should be transparent and predictable, but asked Finance Directorate to consider the implications for the FCO and how this might be managed.

The Board discussed how the FCO is performing on diversity and reviewed recommendations flowing from an organisation-wide consultation. The Board reaffirmed Diversity as a business imperative and agreed to increase its take-up of the diversity and equality agenda, and to challenge and reward where necessary.

The Board discussed the FTN Successor Project and Ocean Programme for re-procurement of GSi and the Managed Telephony Service. They agreed that a combined procurement was the right way forward and asked the Chief Information Officer to return with a clearer business case.

The Board congratulated the Future Firecrest Programme on good progress in UK3G desktop roll out and positive user feedback. They agreed to review options for accelerated roll-out in May.