



Water Quality & Strategy Board Minutes

3rd March, 2025

ATTENDEES

- Minister for the Environment
- Minister for Health and Social Services
- Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
- Group Director Regulation
- Group Director Natural Environment
- Director Housing, Environment Placement
- Head of Media Relations
- Deputy Director Public Health
- Private Secretary
- Head of Communications – Public Health
- Technical Support Officer

MINUTES AND ACTIONS (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Decisions:

- Minutes and TOR approved and minutes to be published.

ARCADIS REPORT PUBLICATION AND REPORT THREE PUBLIC CONSULTATION (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Decisions:

- Publication approach as presented agreed by board.
- ELT report approved by board.
- Board approved contract with Arcadis.

Actions:

- Add a WQS Board briefing before COM ahead of its approval.
- Add a scrutiny briefing before the States Members briefing at an appropriate time.
- Prepare a line to explain the reason for holding the report for a short period before its release.

REPORT FOUR UPDATE AND TESTING PLAN (AGENDA ITEM 3)

Decisions:

- Agree environment and food testing as part of Report 4, however noting nervousness around contextualisation and approach (actions below)
- Keep board up to date on the testing proposals as they are developed (reporting at the board meetings)
- Agree Q&A to be published subject to rewording of implementation of recommendations.

Actions:

- Need to clarify if testing will include other products not Jersey based and that contextualising the results is particularly important.
- Check against results from other countries.

- Need to take from other sources of these products locally and also from supermarkets that use different sources in the UK.
- Everything tested locally needs to have 2 others tested from different sources.
- Look at wording around implementing recommendations in Q&A

PR AND COMS UPDATE (AGENDA ITEM 4)

Decisions:

- No decision taken on communication strategy or recommended engagement activity to be re-tabled at next board meeting.
- No decision taken on ToR.

Actions:

- Work on changes to ToR, then circulate to board to agree.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: 28th March 2025