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1. This paper summarises significant issues relating to the running of the company which are not covered by other Board or Audit and Risk Management Committee papers. A corresponding report has been made to the Joint Committee on relevant matters.
2. **Clear Line of Sight**
  - 2.1 Implementation of the Clear Line of Sight initiative in relation to JNCC has progressed well. From April 2011, JNCC's Chief Executive will be appointed Accounting Officer for JNCC and will be directly accountable to Defra's Permanent Secretary. Governance documents have been revised to reflect the new arrangements. Also from April 2011, it is intended that all grant in aid (including that provided by the devolved administrations) will be channelled through Defra.
3. **Peterborough office accommodation**
  - 3.1 Following detailed assessment of options, a business case for retaining JNCC's occupancy of two floors at Monkstone House in Peterborough was submitted to Defra in February. Defra has approved the business case. It now requires approval from the Government Property Unit and the Cabinet Office minister, Francis Maude.
  - 3.2 The existing lease on Monkstone House, which expires in March, will be held over until a new occupancy agreement is confirmed.
  - 3.3 In the medium/long-term, the Government Property Unit is considering possibilities for shared civil estate accommodation in Peterborough. Discussions are at an early stage and it is unlikely that a viable option will be available before 2013.
4. **JNCC website**
  - 4.1 Following a Cabinet Office review of central government websites, Defra have informed JNCC that we will not be able to retain an independent website. From April 2011, JNCC's web presence will be moved from [www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk) to <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk>. However, at least in the short term, JNCC will retain full control of the content placed on the website, and its distinct identity will be maintained. Longer term, government's use of the internet will continue to evolve, for example in response to the recommendations made by Martha Lane Fox in the recent review of government websites

undertaken for Francis Maude<sup>1</sup>. JNCC's ongoing web presence will be considered within this wider context.

**5. Director recruitment**

- 5.1 For the past 18 months, the Executive Management Board has comprised four full-time posts (Managing Director, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Marine and Director of Science) and one half-time post (Head of European and Global Advice). As part of a range of measures to reduce JNCC's running costs, a new post has been created (Director of Evidence and Advice) to lead JNCC's science and international work, i.e. take on the responsibilities previously held by the Director of Science and the Head of European and Global Advice.
- 5.2 Following an internal recruitment exercise, Paul Rose was appointed to this new post in February. The responsibilities of the other director posts remain unchanged.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/directgov-2010-and-beyond-revolution-not-evolution>