

## Statement of Board Assurance

## 2018/19 Scheme of Charges

The Board has considered the 2018/19 Scheme of charges at meetings held on 7 December 2017 and 4 January 2018. The Board considered relevant supporting materials and made appropriate enquiries of the Executive team, in particular the Strategy and Regulation Director, and of KPMG (James Ledward) and Jacobs (Andrew McGeoghan) who had been engaged to provide external assurance.

Having made reasonable and relevant enquiries the Board is able to confirm that, to the best of our understanding, the charges contained in Dŵr Cymru's Charges Scheme are in compliance with the legal obligations to which the company is subject under the Water Industry Act 1991 (as modified) and other relevant legislation, taken as a whole.

We can confirm that appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that the information on which the Charges Scheme is based is accurate within reasonable levels of tolerance. The Charges Scheme and the required additional information have been prepared by experienced staff using appropriate processes and internal systems of control and have accordingly been prepared to a standard that could be reasonably expected of a diligent undertaker.

Having regard to the 'Charges scheme rules issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 143(6A) and 143B of the Water Industry Act 1991' published in December 2016, we are of the opinion that our charges are consistent with these requirements, taking the Charges Scheme rules as a whole.

The Board has been given relevant information on the effects the new charges have on customer bills for a range of different customer types, and can confirm that there are no customers expected to be subject to bill increases exceeding 5%.

The company has consulted CCWater in a timely and effective manner in respect of the charges scheme.

Alastair Lyons Chairman

On behalf of the Board 4 January 2018