

## Statement of Board Assurance

## Scheme of Charges 2019/20

The Board has considered the 2019/20 Scheme of Charges at the Board meetings held on 9 November and 6 December 2018. The Board considered relevant supporting materials and made appropriate enquiries of the Executive team, in particular the Strategy and Regulation Director 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 Dwr 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 July 2018, 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.

At the Board meeting of 6 December 2018, the Board delegated responsibility for final approval of the Scheme of Charges 2019/20 (and the required additional information), following publication of the Retail Prices Index on 19th December 2018, to the Chief Executive.

Chris Jones Chief Executive

On behalf of the Board 21 December 2018

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