January 19th 2012 CCRP Event Programme
Water Policy And Regulation In England And Wales: Issues and Prospects after the Water White Paper and Ofwat’s FPL Consultation Document

A discussion meeting for senior policy makers, company managers and regulators – City University 19th January 2012 organized by the CCRP and sponsored by Ofwat and the Environment Agency.

Registration to the meeting starts at Noon in the Drysdale Building, Northampton Square. From 12:00 a light sandwich lunch is available in room E212 before the start of the meeting, commencing at 13:00.

This meeting is a closed meeting for invited, senior people involved in the UK water industry in water companies, regulatory agencies, Whitehall, academia, consultancies and elsewhere. The format of the formal meeting is that there will be two panel sessions, each lasting about 75 minutes, and a Round Table discussion.

The panel sessions will be on:

1. Outcome regulation and customer engagement; and

2. Options for implementing upstream reform, as regards both water trading and abstraction.

Each panel will have a Chair and three to four speakers, each of whom will talk for five to ten minutes to provide an introduction to the debate. The debate will then be opened up to the floor. The panellists will be drawn from Ofwat, water company senior managers and academics who have been involved in recent water discussions.

The afternoon will end with a Round Table discussion of the implications of the White Paper.

The Chairs and Speakers are as follows:

(i) Panel Chairs

Chris Bolt, former PPP Arbiter and Rail Regulator (Panel 1);
Gordon Hughes, Professor of Economics, Edinburgh University and Chair of WICS (Panel 2); and
Martin Cave, Visiting Professor Imperial College Business School (Round Table).
(ii) **Panel 1 Speakers: Outcome regulation and customer engagement**

Fod Barnes, Senior Adviser, Oxera.
Keith Harris, Director, Lorraine House Strategy Consulting
Tony Smith, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Water
Catherine Waddams, Professor of Economics, Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia.

(iii) **Panel 2 Speakers: Options for implementing upstream reform in water trading and abstraction**

Jon Ashley, Head of Market Reform, Ofwat
Ronan Palmer, Chief Economist, Environment Agency
Jon Stern, Senior Visiting Fellow, CCRP, City University

(iv) **Round Table Participants**

Jerry Bryan, Executive Chairman, Albion Water
Gabrielle Edwards, Head of Water Legislation, Competition and Charging, Defra
Tom Kiedrowski, Director of Market Reform, Ofwat
Mike King, Regulatory Director, Bristol Water.

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