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Meeting with Chair of Council 10.55-11:05am

Independent Reviewer Sir Muir Russell (MR)

Mr Stuart Holmes (SH)

Notes taken by Lisa Williams (LW)

General introductions.

SH was previously Partner at PWC.

MR – intends to form a team for the investigation involving an expert in big data handling, someone from particle physics, plus an earth scientist, plus presentational handling advice.

Outlined that he would like provide an opportunity for

a) written comment, input from sceptics.

b) UEA scientists to show what they have done/ not done with data.

Aim - Objective enquiry.

Issues to be faced: What is the truth? Cannot hope to prove/disprove absolutes.

Did the underlying work justify the confidence in messages communicated.

Public perhaps need to be educated on the levels of uncertainty in the outcomes.

Need to judge what CRU scientists did against best practice at the time.

The enquiry will not attempt to redo the science.

SH – UEA Council want to know what the truth is. No scope for fudge. He has an open mind and welcomes the review.

Reputational issues for UEA discussed.