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Dear Members of Science Committee,

The attached report is the result of a review of UKIRT by a panel of international astronomers, chaired by Prof. R. Ellis from Caltech. The findings of the review and draft report were delivered to the Board in late August and was the subject of a special meeting of the UKIRT Board in Oxford on 9 September. At this Board meeting the contents of the report were presented to the Board by Prof. Ellis via a video conference link from Caltech.

The UKIRT Board fully endorses the review panel's report, its conclusions and recommendations. The Panel concluded that UKIRT is a well run, cost effective observatory on a strategically important site with a very high standard of scientific output. The Panel endorses UKIRT's current programme and proposes a route forward which will maintain UKIRT's high profile and important scientific contribution to UK and world astronomy during and beyond the next 5 to 10 years.

The UKIRT Board plans to act on the various recommendations contained in the report as soon as practical.

Sincerely,

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