



Meeting of the BBC Board

MINUTES

21 January 2020

Board Call (held in the Boardroom, Room 3028, Broadcasting House)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies and Conflicts of Interest
2. Board Update
3. Decriminalisation of the Licence Fee
4. AOB

ATTENDANCE

Present

- David Clementi Chairman
- Tony Hall Director-General
- Tim Davie CEO, BBC Studios
- Shirley Garrood Non-executive Director (by phone)
- Tanni Grey-Thompson Non-executive Director (by phone)
- Ian Hargreaves Non-executive director
- Tom Ilube Non-executive director (by phone)
- Ken MacQuarrie Director, Nations and Regions
- Steve Morrison Non-executive director (by phone)
- Elan Closs Stephens Non-executive director
- Ashley Steel Non-executive director (by phone)
- Fran Unsworth Director, News and Current Affairs

Apologies: Nicholas Serota

With

- Phil Harrold Company Secretary
- Jo Clarke Secretary to the Board
- Bob Shennan BBC Managing Director
- Glyn Isherwood Director, Group Finance and Operations
- Sarah Jones Group General Counsel (item 2)
- Clare Sumner Director, Policy (item 3)
- Kerris Bright Chief Customer Officer (item 3)

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I. Apologies and Conflicts of Interest

- 1.1 Nicholas Serota was an apology for the meeting.

2 Board Update

- 2.1 The Board noted an update on the outcome of the employment tribunal brought by Samira Ahmed, and associated next steps.
- 2.2 The Board noted an update on projects connected with the implementation of the over 75s licence fee policy. A full update would be brought to the February meeting.

3 Decriminalisation Review

- 3.1 The Board noted that a Government-initiated review on decriminalising the licence fee was imminent. The consultation was likely to start towards the end of the month.
- 3.2 The Board discussed the paper which set out the proposed approach to the BBC's response. The Board agreed that any formal submission to the review should be discussed at the Board meeting in March.

4 AOB

- 4.1 The Board approved a delegation enabling the Director of Design and Engineering, Matthew Postgate, to sign future annual Certificates of Performance for submission to Ofcom as required by the terms of the agreements entered into by the BBC to recover its costs of 700MHz spectrum clearance.