

Editorial Guidelines and Standards Committee

MINUTES

14 May 2024

Boardroom 3028 , Broadcasting House, London

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 7 March Meeting and Matters Arising
2. Thematic Review Updates
3. Revision of the Editorial Guidelines
4. Complaints Reporting
5. Senior Editorial Policy Adviser's Report
6. Emerging

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Nicholas Serota	Non-executive director (Chair)
Tim Davie	Director -General
Robbie Gibb	Non-executive director
Deborah Turness	CEO, BBC News and Current Affairs

With

Samir Shah	BBC Chair
Rhodri Talfan Davies	Director, Nations
Caroline Daniel	Editorial Advisor
Michael Prescott	Editorial Advisor
David Jordan	Director, Editorial Standards and Policy
Peter Johnston	Director, Complaints and Editorial Reviews
Jo Clarke	Secretary to the Committee
Rizwana Rahmani	Executive Lead, Editorial Policy and Standards
Jonathan Munro	Deputy CEO News and Current Affairs
David Grossman	Senior Editorial Policy Advisor
Helen White	Project Manager; Serota Implementation Project (item 2)
Simon Coates	Senior Advisor, Thematic Reviews (item 2)

APOLOGIES

None

4. Complaints

Analysis of Editorial Complaints Stage 2

4.1 The Committee considered a paper providing a full account of the findings of ECU and the status of Ofcom complaints during the previous period. The report set out performance against KPIs, a list of the upheld or resolved complaints, with links to the published summaries of the findings, and highlighted key themes and significant not upheld cases.

4.2 The Committee discussed a number of recent complaints and findings.

Complaints Reporting

4.3 The Committee noted the Stage 1 complaints reports for March and April and February 2014

Election coverage

- 6.2 The Committee noted an update on an editorial issue which had arisen during the London mayoral elections where a Conservative PEB had been rolled-out in stead of a Labour one.
- 6.3 The Committee discussed the editorial risks around covering the General Election. The Committee agreed that care would be needed around the reporting of opinion polls.

Internal Audit: Implementation of the Serota Recommendations and Impartiality Plan

- 6.4 The Committee noted the positive internal audit and agreed that regular reporting on the progress of any