



Meeting of the BBC Editorial Guidelines and Standards Committee

MINUTES

2 July 2024

Boardroom 3028 , Broadcasting House, London

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Ofcom Session
2. Minutes of the 14 May Meeting and Matt er q8 7(s72 ()4.004 ()4.008)ole and Effectiveness of
EGSC
4. Revision of the Editorial Guidelines
5. Senior Editorial Policy Adviser s Report
6. Thematic Review Upda tes
7. Complaints Reporting
8. Emerging Editorial Risks and Issues
9. Papers for Approval/ Noting
10. AOB

ATTENDANCE

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

Adam Baxter	Director, Standards and Audience Protection, Ofcom
Cristina Nicoletti Squires	Group Director, Broadcasting and Media Group, Ofcom
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
Simon Coates	Senior Advisor, Thematic Reviews

APOLOGIES

Rhodri Talfan Davies

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Ofcom Session
 - 1.1 The Committee welcomed Cristina Nicoletti -Squires, the new Group Director, Broadcasting and Media Group at Ofcom and Adam Baxter, Director, Audience Protection and Standards, Ofcom, for its regular six -monthly session. Matters discussed included complaints and complaints handling over the election period; how coverage

3.3 The Committee discussed the role of the independent editorial board and concluded that greater clarity regarding their responsibilities would enable them to provide greater contribution more effectively to the Committee. A clearer role description would be provided.

3.4 The Committee discussed its responsibility for managing editorial risk and ensuring that any actions taken by the Executive management following breaches of the guidelines would be reported to the Committee through the appropriate channels within the organisation.

The Committee considered a paper proposing options for the timing of the public consultation on the revised Editorial Guidelines.

4.2 It was recommended that the public consultation should be delayed. This option avoided the summer period.

over 900 staff ; a briefing had been provided to news present ers, and a specialised briefing on local issues relating to migration had been provided to BBC South East.

6.2 The Committee discussed potential topics for futur e the matic review s.

7 Complaints Reporting

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7.1 The Committee considered a paper providi ng 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 findi ngs, and highlight ed key themes and significant not upheld cases.

7.2 The Committee discussed a number of recent BT complaints and findings

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