



Meeting of the BBC Northern Ireland Committee

MINUTES

Thursday 1st February 2024

BBC Blackstaff House, Belfast

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 1 Minutes of previous BBC Northern Ireland Committee
- 2 Director, BBC Northern Ireland Report
- 3 Director, BBC Nations, Report
- 4 Broadcasting House Belfast development
- 5 Audiences
- 6 Finance
- 7 AOB

ATTENDANCE

Members:

- x Michael Smyth, Non-executive Director, Member for NI (Chair)
- x Nick Serota, Non-Executive Director
- x Adam Smyth, Director, BBC NI
- x Rhodri Talfan Davies, Director, BBC Nations

With:

- x Mark Adair, Head of Corporate and Community Affairs, BBC NI
- x Rab McConaghy, Head of Audience Research, BBC NI (for item 5)
- x Jeremy Ankers, Finance Business partner, BBC NI (for item 6)
- x Mark Grinnell, Executive Lead, BBC Nations (secretary)
- x Samantha Sing, Finance Director, BBC Nations (observer)

- 1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 1.1

1.2 The minutes of the previous Committee (19th October 2023) were approved and no new conflicts were disclosed.

1.3 The Chair congratulated Samantha Sington on her appointment to the position of Finance Director, BBC Nations and invited Samantha to observe the Committee's part of her induction to the BBC

1.4 There were no apologies for absence

2. Director, BBC Northern Ireland, Report

2.1 The Director outlined the progress made in completing a move to digital radio in News in agreement with the trades unions

2.2 There would be stakeholder engagement with other community and business groups to follow recent successful meetings with Northern Ireland farming community groups.

2.3 The Director outlined the latest RAJAR Radio listening figures and expressed confidence in the BBC Northern Ireland audio content. While BBC Radio Ulster is no longer the biggest station by reach in Northern Ireland it continues to outperform the rest of the BBC network.

2.4 Work on the BBC Belfast Broadcasting House transformation project is underway. The Committee would receive regular updates throughout the year

2.5 The Director commended the Stephen Nolan and News production teams for coverage of

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