



Meeting of the BBC Editorial Guidelines and Standards Committee

MINUTES

1 October 2024

Boardroom 3028 , Broadcasting House, London

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 2 July
 Role and Effectiveness of EGSC
3. Revision of the Editorial Guidelines : Public Consultation
4. Senior Editorial Policy Adviser's Report
5. Emerging Editorial Risks and Issues
6. Complaints Reporting
7. Papers for Approval/ Noting
8. AOB

ATTENDANCE

Samir Shah	Chair
Nicholas Serota	Non-executive director
Tim Davie	Director -General
Robbie Gibb	Non-executive director
Deborah Turness	

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 2 July Meeting and Matters Arising
 - 1.1 The minutes of the meeting on the 2 July were approved.
 - 1.2 The Matters Arising paper was noted.
2. The Role and Effectiveness of the Committee
 - 2.1 The Committee noted a paper setting out the new role descriptions for the external editorial advisers, as requested at its meeting in July, which had been approved at the September meetings of the Nominations Committee and the Board.
3. Revision of the Editorial Guidelines: Public Consultation
 - 3.1 The Committee discussed the revised Editorial Guidelines and the plans for the public consultation. The Chair had requested further discussion of some of the issues that might arise during the consultation process.
 - 3.2 The Committee had a wide-ranging discussion on the context and background to the Editorial Guidelines and related language. The Committee also discussed other high-profile issues which might cause comment during the consultation.
 - 3.3 The Committee agreed that the revised Editorial Guidelines and consultation document should be submitted to the Board for approval.

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5. Emerging Editorial Risks and Issues

5.1 The Committee discussed current and upcoming editorial risks. These included: coverage of the run-up to the US Election, with particular regard to the coverage of the Trump campaign; coverage of the wars in the Middle East and Ukraine; the gender identity, abortion and assisted dying debates. The Committee also discussed the new make-up of the UK Parliament following the election and the implications this had for coverage.

5.2 The Committee noted three serious editorial breaches, which had been escalated from the Editorial Standards and Complaints Committee, and discussed the resulting actions by management.

6. Complaints

6.1 The Committee considered the Stage 2 complaints report. The person responsible for handling a complaint at Stage 1b and a report on the findings.

The Committee noted that a proposed change to the Complaints Framework should be sent to Ofcom for their view before coming back to EGSC for approval.

for Approval/Noting by Exception

The Committee noted a paper which provided updates on the work of the Complaints Committee and their implementation.

The Committee noted the stage 1 complaints reporting. 38 Tm 0 g y,4()4(a)-3(b)

8. AOB

8.1 The Committee noted that a briefing on the priorities for the World Service by the new Global Director, Jonathan Munro, was planned for the October meeting of the Board.

8.2 A session on BBC Verify would come to a future meeting of the Committee .