



## **Extra-ordinary Meeting of the BBC Board**

### **MINUTES**

18 May 2021

Held by Video Conference

#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies and conflicts of interest
2. Lord Dyson's Investigation: Report and Management Response
3. AOB

## **ATTENDANCE**

### *Present*

- Richard Sharp                      Chairman
- Tim Davie                              Director-General
- Nicholas Serota                      Senior independent director
- Elan Closs Stephens                Non-executive director
- Robbie Gibb                          Non-executive director
- Tanni Grey-Thompson              Non-executive director
- Ian Hargreaves                      Non-executive director
- Tom Ilube                              Non-executive director
- Charlotte Moore                      Director, Content
- Steve Morrison                      Non-executive director
- Leigh Tavaziva                      Chief Operating Officer
- Fran Unsworth                        Director, News and Current Affairs

### *Apologies*

- Shirley Garrood                      Non-executive director

### *With*

- Phil Harrold                          Company Secretary
- Chris Sandford                        Head of Governance (secretary)
- Sarah Jones                            Group General Counsel
- Ken MacQuarrie                      Group Projects Director
- John Shield                            Director, Communications

## DRAFT BOARD MINUTES – 18 MAY 2021

### 1. **Apologies and Conflicts of Interest**

- 1.1 Shirley Garrood was an apology for the meeting. The Chair welcomed Robbie Gibb to his first meeting of the Board.

### 2. **Lord Dyson's Investigation: Report and Management Response**

- 2.1 The Board were briefed on the findings of Lord Dyson's Investigation into Panorama's interview with Diana, Princess of Wales in 1995. The Investigation had been set up to establish the truth of how the interview had been obtained and how this had been investigated in the BBC in the months following transmission.
- 2.2 Lord Dyson's report had been received and shared with the Board, in line with undertakings given to the review team. The Board were briefed on the findings and the plan for publication. A draft press release was discussed, with statements from the Director-General and Chairman. It was noted that the draft was still being finalised and a further draft would be shared ahead of publication.
- 2.3 The Board discussed the proposed decision to broadcast a *Panorama* programme about the events leading to the Dyson investigation. It was noted that the programme would likely be broadcast on the evening of the day of publication of the Dyson report. The Board noted that there were significant duty of care issues being managed in relation to the report and the *Panorama* programme. These were being handled carefully with support in place for those involved.
- 2.4 The Board formally accepted Lord Dyson's review. Comments on the draft press statement were noted and any further comments of substance would be provided offline. A final press release would be shared with the Board when ready. The Board also noted the plan to publish a document setting out changes in processes and guidelines that had been made in the intervening period since the original interview.

### 3. **AOB**

- 3.1 There was no other business.