



Extra-ordinary Meeting of the BBC Board

MINUTES

25 August 2021
Held by Video Conference

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies and conflicts of interest
2. Licence Fee Settlement 2022
3. Afghanistan Update
4. 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
- Ian Hargreaves Non-executive director
- Charlotte Moore Chief Content Officer
- Steve Morrison Non-executive director
- Leigh Tavaziva Group Chief Operating Officer
- Fran Unsworth Director, News and Current Affairs

Apologies

- Shirley Garrood Non-executive director
- Tanni Grey-Thompson Non-executive director

With

- Phil Harrold Company Secretary
- Jo Clarke Secretary to the Board
- Gautam Rangarajan Director, Strategy (item 2)
- Clare Sumner Director, Policy (item 2)
- Paul Oldfield Controller, Policy (item 2)

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1. Apologies and Conflicts of Interest

- 1.1 Shirley Garrood and Tanni Grey-Thompson were apologies for the meeting. They were subsequently briefed on the discussion and supported the Board position on the mandate for settlement of the Licence Fee for 2022.

2. Licence Fee Settlement

[paragraphs 2.1-2.3 redacted for future publication]

- 2.1 The Board received an update on the licence fee settlement process.

3. Afghanistan Update

- 3.1 The Board received an update on the BBC's efforts to evacuate staff and their families from Kabul following the Taliban's capture of the city and the defeat of Afghan military forces. It had not been possible to facilitate the evacuation all of those who had wanted to leave as yet, but efforts continued.
- 3.2 The Board commended those broadcasting from Afghanistan and the region for their courage and world-class journalism, and thanked the Director, News and Current Affairs, and the teams across the BBC for their work to facilitate the evacuation.

4. AOB

- 4.1 There was no other business.

Approved by the Board: _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)