MINUTES

15th December 2014
11.30 – 14.30
Room 3028, Old Broadcasting House

1. Minutes of the November Board Meeting
2. Production Proposals Update
3. Management Information Pack
4. BBC Objectives 2015/16
5. BBC Monitoring Performance Review
6. Sports rights
7. Updates and Live Issues
Attendees

Present
Tony Hall  Director-General (Chair)
Anne Bulford  Managing Director, Finance and Operations
Tim Davie  CEO, BBC Worldwide and Director, Global
Danny Cohen  Director, Television
James Harding  Director, News and Current Affairs
James Purnell  Director, Strategy and Digital
Helen Boaden  Director, Radio
Fiona Reynolds  Senior Non-executive director
Simon Burke  Non-executive director
Alice Perkins  Non-executive director
Dharmash Mistry  Non-executive director
Sir Howard Stringer  Non-executive director
Nick Hytner  Non-executive director

With
Alan Yentob  Creative Director
Phil Harrold  Company Secretary
Matthew Godfrey  Head of Executive Business
Anna Mallett  BBC Production (for item 2)
Gautam Rangarajan  Director of Strategy (for item 3)

Apologies
None
1. Minutes of the November Board Meeting

Summary: The minutes for the November meeting of the Executive Board were approved.

2. Production Proposals Update

Summary: This paper set out the challenges facing production and the options for addressing them. The Board continued its discussions around Production and agreed to review a variety of models and the impact of them on the wider BBC in the New Year.

3. Management Information Pack

Summary: The Board discussed recent performance, including trends in television AI scores and TV penetration.

4. BBC Objectives 2015/16

Summary: This paper proposed four objectives for the BBC in 2015/16 and set out a process for developing priorities and targets for each of them. The Board approved the four headline objectives for 2015/16.

5. BBC Monitoring Performance Review

Summary: The Board discussed the six-monthly update on BBC Monitoring’s relationships with BBC News and with the Government. It was agreed to cover this in more detail during the News section of the Executive Board’s away day on the afternoon of 15th December.

6. Sports rights

Summary: The board discussed the acquisition of sports rights.

7. Updates and Live Issues

Summary: The Board was updated on Charter Review, the Audit Committee and the Executive Remuneration Committee.

8. A O B

Summary: The Board discussed progress with Project Smart.
Papers for approval/noting

The following papers were circulated for offline approval/noting this month. All of these papers were approved/noted:

a) SMART Update - Approval/Noting
b) WW Intercompany Loan – Approval
c) Freeview Connected Update – Noting
d) International News on Domestic Outlets - Noting
e) Forward Look