

SUMMARY

- ◆ *The Vision: "The most trusted news provider in the UK and the world, reaching at least 80% of adults and 250m globally"*
- ◆ *Deliver savings of £69m per annum by 2016/17*

To do this we need to:

- ◆ Over 5 years create an integrated Newsgathering, making the best of BBC News' presence at local, regional, and network level in the UK and across the World
- ◆ Use the new buildings in W1 and Salford to deliver further productivity savings by sharing expertise and content and working even more collaboratively
- ◆ Share more programmes across Local Radio at off peak times, with a single programme across England on weekday evenings
- ◆ Focus the News Channel on core and breaking news stories and make more use of content from Nations, Regions and Global output
- ◆ Clear prioritisation of breaking news on all platforms, prioritise daily bulletins and current affairs
- ◆ Focus on ambitious current affairs and investigations, reduce ad-hoc current affairs programmes, greater co-commissioning with a reduced number of reporters
- ◆ Proposed investment in newsgathering global priority areas and complete investment in UK Local Radio political reporters. Increased investment in investigations. Support international programming for the benefit of all our audiences.
- ◆ Proposed investment in IPTV, live formats and mobile platforms to widen access to our best journalism.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ Clear priorities for breaking news on all platforms; give priority to daily news bulletins and key Current Affairs
- ◆ Create a single multi-lingual Newsgathering international operation, closing some foreign premises, but retaining reporting capability. Close some international and UK specialist posts in London
- ◆ Increase sharing during off-peak on BBC Local Radio services, sharing some local radio content regionally and across England in the evening
- ◆ End most medium wave transmissions for Local Radio except where there is no FM alternative. Proposal to remove two TV sub-opts from satellite
- ◆ More sharing between regions for Inside Out but money remaining for investigations
- ◆ Focus the News Channel on main agenda and breaking news coverage, reduce spend on back half hours and the commissioning budget. Reduce double-headed presentation and bespoke business slots
- ◆ Fewer ad-hoc current affairs programmes on BBC Two. Greater co-commissioning and sharing of fewer reporters across programmes
- ◆ Proposed focus of 5Live on main agenda at peak times with reduced overnight effort. Closer working with English Regions and Newsgathering
- ◆ Stop late morning and 3pm BBC One national and regional news summaries and regional bulletins on Saturday lunchtime
- ◆ Share news content across Radio1 and 1Xtra, and Radio 4 and Radio 3 bulletins
- ◆ Replace the Politics Show with a new Sunday edition of the Daily Politics
- ◆ Reduced programme presentation at party conferences but enhanced political newsgathering

FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

SAVINGS PROPOSALS

Overall, savings deliver £69m per annum by 2016/17 with most savings phased after the move into W1 – a 16% reduction
Including all reinvestment in Newsgathering, net savings are £56m per annum by 2016/17 – a 13% reduction

PRODUCTIVITY

Productivity will be driven by:

- ◆ Specific productivity departmental productivity savings
- ◆ Co-location of teams in W1 and Salford.
- ◆ Organisational changes across News and closer working with Global
- ◆ Integrated newsgathering around the world and the UK, in partnership with the Nations
- ◆ Change staff mix in international Newsgathering
- ◆ More sharing e.g. Use of the Journalism Portal
- ◆ Improved, common technology and more multiplatform working.
- ◆ Back-office savings across News and the English Regions.
- ◆ Weather bulletins broadcast on a hub model in the regions.
- ◆ Application of proposed pan-BBC terms and conditions.

SAVINGS

£69m per annum
(16%)
After investment,
£56m per annum
(13%)

POST CLOSURES

c.700 - 800
After investment,
c.550 - 650

RELATED PROPOSALS

- ◆ Radio 5 Live (see BBC North)
- ◆ Audio & Music
- ◆ Vision
- ◆ Sport (See BBC North)
- ◆ Birmingham (see Operations)
- ◆ Nations
- ◆ Future Media