



## **PRESS RECOGNITION PANEL**

### **Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Press Recognition Panel Board held on 25 October 2016 held at De Vere Venues West One, London W1B 1PR**

**Present:** Dr David Wolfe QC (Chair), Tim Suter, Carolyn Regan, Harry Rich, Emma Gilpin-Jacobs and Harry Cayton.

**In attendance:** Susie Uppal (Chief Executive), Paul Nezandonyi (Head of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement), Saima Ansari (Executive Administration Manager), Patrick Reeve and John Speed (JS2 Ltd) (up to Item 6 of the Public Session).

### **BOARD MEETING – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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### **Board Meeting Public Session**

**Present:** Dr David Wolfe QC (Chair), Tim Suter, Carolyn Regan, Harry Rich, Emma Gilpin-Jacobs and Harry Cayton.

**In attendance:** Susie Uppal (Chief Executive), Executive staff and John Speed (JS2 Ltd) (up to Item 6 of the Agenda for the Public Session)

Public attendees are listed in Part 8 of the 'PRP Board decision in respect of the application for recognition from "IMPRESS: The Independent Monitor of the Press CIC". dated 25 October 2016.

### **Welcome**

1. The Chair welcomed the Board Members, staff of IMPRESS and attendees to the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PRP Board meeting. He stated that our practise is to identify everyone present formally in the Minutes and attendees were requested to let Saima Ansari, the Executive Administration Manager, know if they did not wish to be identified in that

way. The Board introduced themselves for the purposes of the audience. The Chair confirmed that the meeting was being recorded and webcast to ensure that the meeting was widely accessible.

2. The Chair emphasised that the meeting was a discussion between the Board and that attendees were not participating in the meeting itself but, as was our usual practice, there would be an opportunity to ask public questions at the end of the meeting.
3. The Chair confirmed that there were no planned fire drills and he also confirmed the location of toilets and the refreshments point.
4. The Chair advised that breaks were planned for 11.15 and 12.40 but these were indicative timings only. The same principle applied to when the meeting was due to finish and if further time was required, the meeting would be adjourned and a further meeting planned to allow this.
5. The Chair confirmed that all attendees should now have handouts containing relevant extracts of the Charter.

#### **Apologies for absence**

6. The Chair noted that there were no apologies.

#### **Declarations of members' interests**

7. There were no new declarations to note.

#### **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016, outstanding actions and matters arising**

8. The Chair noted that a new practise had been introduced to agree the correctness of Minutes shortly after the meeting. The Board agreed that the Minutes of the last Board meeting that had been approved were factually correct and that there were no new items to note.
9. The Board agreed that the log of outstanding actions was up to date and no further comments were noted.

#### **Chief Executive's Report – October 2016 Paper PRP49(16)**

10. The Board noted that the vacancy for an independent member for the Nominations Committee had been advertised widely to attract a diverse range of applicants. To date 26 expressions of interest had been received.  
Post meeting correction note: 21 expressions of interest had been received as at 25 October. As of 2 November, 28 expressions of interest had been received.

11. The Chair advised that in relation to para 13 of the Report, some Board members and the Chair would be meeting Lord Lipsey tomorrow (26 October) and that the meeting would be formally noted and published on the PRP website. (Update The Chair, Chief Executive, Board members Harry Cayton and Harry Rich and Head of Communications Paul Nezandonyi attended)

#### **Finance Report – October 2016 Paper PRP50(16)**

12. The Board considered the 6 monthly management accounts and noted that costs were running in line with budget of slightly behind. The Board Member with financial responsibility (Harry Rich) confirmed that discussions had taken place outside this meeting and it is clear that the PRP is holding back spend where possible. The Board noted the Finance Report.

#### **IMPRESS discussion and decision on application for recognition Paper PRP52(16)**

13. See 'PRP Board decision in respect of the application for recognition from "IMPRESS: The Independent Monitor of the Press CIC". dated 25 October 2016' for details.

#### **Any other business and close of business**

14. Chris Clarke (Make Public) commented that there was a certain tone to recent headlines and in view of the impact of the decision, asked the Board what they thought the headlines would be in 5 years time.
15. The Chair stated that the question would be recorded as a comment.
16. Andy Miller introduced himself as a victim of IPSO and commended the PRP for its thoroughness despite any misrepresentation that may occur.
17. The Chair stated that the comment would be recorded and that the Board were in place to do what the Charter required.
18. Peter Wright questioned whether the Board had relied on assurances from IMPRESS or whether an independent assurance had been conducted reading concerns on the internal governance processes.
19. The Chair clarified that information relating to the decision will be provided and that one of the things in place will be a mechanism for people to our attention anything that requires us to do an ad hoc review. This would ensure continuing compliance with the Charter. The Chair confirmed that the Executive conducted a factual exercise to check compliance independently.

20. Jasper Jackson (Guardian) questioned whether the Board are anticipating legal challenge following their decision.
21. The Chair confirmed that the PRP is prepared to defend its lawful decision.

**Meeting Close**

**Drafted: Saima Ansari**  
**Executive Administration Manager**

**Signed: Dr David Wolfe QC**  
**Chair**

**Dated: 10 November 2016**