

Reference: 01583542

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for the information as detailed below. We received this request on 14 March 2023 and which you clarified on 22 March 2023. We have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act").

Your request and our response

✂... please only provide figures from before December 2021.

I would like to request how many times Ofcom has refused to consider a complaint about the conduct of a C4C NED because it has either:

- not been first considered by the C4C Chair; or*
- not been upheld by the C4C Chair*

None.

Could you also please tell me how many misconduct concerns have been passed on the Ofcom by the C4C Chair?

None.

I would also like to know if the C4C Chair's terms of appointment have been changed at any point over the last two years? And if so, could you provide a copy of the previous version(s).

We can confirm that there have been some changes made to the terms of appointment. We have attached the following:

- Charles Gurassa's letter of reappointment as Chair of Channel 4 Corporation, dated 24 October 2018
- Dawn Airey's letter of appointment as Interim Chair of Channel 4 Corporation, dated 25 January 2022

- Sir Ian Cheshire's letter of appointment as Chair of Channel 4 Corporation, dated 31 March 2022.

For ease, we have summarised below what we note the key changes were:

1) to Dawn Airey's terms of appointment compared with Charles Gurassa's:

Appointment

- the wording in section 1.1 was added and the previous section 1.1 wording regarding reappointment was removed
- the wording in section 1.2 was added because this was known to be a temporary appointment of the Interim Chair and not the new Chair of C4C.

Time Commitment

- the wording regarding the appointment being part time was added to section 2.1
- some wording regarding attendance at meetings and functions was added to section 2.1
- the wording regarding preparation time was slightly changed in section 2.1.

Fees and Expenses

- some wording regarding tax deductions and insurance was added to section 3.1 (formerly section 4.1)
- the previous wording on reimbursement (formerly section 4.1) was changed to the wording in section 3.2
- section 4.2 of the previous letter was not included in this letter.

Duties

- the wording on confidentiality in section 5.1 and 5.2 was added, replacing the former wording on confidentiality in section 6 of Charles Gurassa's letter.

Conduct and Conflicts of Interest

- some wording regarding the disclosure of conflicts of interest was added to section 7.3 (formerly section 5.1)
- the wording in section 7.4 was added to the letter
- the Seven Principles of Public Life are not attached as an annex.

Review process

- the wording in section 8.1 replaced the previous wording (formerly section 7.1).

The wording on Independent Professional Advice (formerly section 9) is not included in this letter.

2) to Sir Ian Cheshire's terms of appointment compared with Dawn Airey's:

Appointment

- the wording in section 1.2 and 1.3 replaced the previous section 1.2 wording as this letter was for the Chair and not an Interim Chair.

Review process

- the wording in section 8.1 replaced the previous section 8.1 wording.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, then please contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review, **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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