

Board Meeting 21 Minute

12:30 – 14:30pm, Tuesday 13 December 2016 83 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HW

Present: Walter Merricks (Chair), Deborah Arnott, Iain Christie, Martin Hickman, Emma Jones, Maire Messenger-Davies, David Robinson and Patrick Swaffer.

Also in attendance: Edward Procter (minutes), Jonathan Heawood

No.	Item
1.	<u>Procedures</u>
	Declarations of Interest WM declared a possible interest arising from his reappointment to the Gambling Commission which is awaiting a decision of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Karen Bradley.
	Minutes & Matters Arising The Board went through the action points from the previous Note.
	The Board approved the October meeting's Minute
	The Board approved the October meeting's Note
2.	<u>Information</u>
	2.1 Internal Reports October and November 2016
	New Office
	IMPRESS will be moving to its new premises in New Bridge Street in the last working week of 2016.
	The board reviewed the process for handling complaints.

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	Political environment
	IMPRESS appeared before the Culture Committee on 6 December and is due to appear before the Lords' Communications Committee on 13 December.
	2.2 IMPRESS External Report August 2016
	The Board noted the useful contents of the report.
3.	Standards Code
	The board agreed the final standards code as proposed by the Code Committee.
	The board agreed the Code implementation plan in full.
	The board thanked all members of the Code Committee for their perseverance and expertise in delivering such a strong piece of work. It was agreed that a note should go out to all Code Committee members to thank them for their efforts
4.	Government Consultation Response
	The board considered a draft response to the government consultation on section 40 and Leveson 2.
	Next Board meeting 17 January 2017 at 16-18 New Bridge Street, EC4V 8AG