

**MINUTES OF THE 114<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION CORPORATION**

**HELD AT 124 HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
LONDON SW1P 2TX  
ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

Present:	Luke Johnson	Chairman
	Andy Duncan	Chief Executive
	Anne Bulford	Group Finance Director
	Andy Barnes	Sales Director
	Kevin Lygo	Director of Television
	Rod Henwood	New Business Director
	Barry Cox	Non-Executive Member
	Ian Ritchie	Non-Executive Member
	Andy Mollett	Non-Executive Member
	Robin Miller	Non-Executive Member
	Tony Hall	Non-Executive Member
	Karren Brady	Non-Executive Member
Apologies:	Sue Ashtiany	Non-Executive Member
In attendance:	Nikki Thompson – Corporation Secretary (for Paola Tedaldi) Jonathan Thompson (Part) - Head of Strategy & Research	

**Please note that commercially sensitive information has been redacted.**

**Minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting of the  
Board held on 26<sup>th</sup>  
September 2005**

The Minutes were approved for signature by the Chairman.

**Directors' Reports –  
C4 Paper 672 (37/05)**

**The Chief Executive**

**Performance**

The Chief Executive reported that the most notable recent achievement was the successful launch of More 4. In the two weeks since launch, More 4 has established a stronger ABC1 audience than any other digital channel. Tony Hall and Robin Miller commented that the launch had been a fantastic success and that the Marketing and Publicity teams should be congratulated.

There then followed a discussion around the relationship between the channels.

**DAB Capacity**

The Chief Executive reported that Ofcom had issued a consultation paper on Wednesday 19 October relating to the creation of a new national DAB multiplex. The procedure set out in the consultation paper provides for a four-week period within

which to submit a proposal for Ofcom's consideration. The multiplex will then be awarded towards the end of next year and the successful applicant will have a further year to prepare.

The Chief Executive stated that, at the moment, it is simply a consultation about whether Ofcom will go ahead. The bidding process would not take place until the second half of next year.

## **New Business**

The Chief Executive reported that Quiz Call is doing well.

The BBC White Paper is due at the end of November or early December and the licence fee agreement will be reached next year.

## **Group Finance Director**

### **Finance**

The Group Finance Director reported that the third quarter review had been completed as outlined in the finance paper. The Group Finance Director indicated the expected final profit forecast following the fourth quarter minor adjustments.

### **Budget**

Good progress is being made on the budget and this will be presented at the next Board meeting.

### **Audit Committee**

The Group Finance Director reported that the Channel will appoint Grant Thornton to carry out Business Assurance Work. The format of the reporting pack circulated with the Board reports will also be updated and there will be some further minor changes, for example in regard to cost allocation.

## **Director of Television**

### **More 4**

The launch of More 4 was very successful. There are currently no plans to change the line up. In the round the channel looks good.

### **C4**

The Director of Television reported on September and October.

Looking back over September, The Director of Television reported on **Elizabeth**, **Lost**, **Supernanny**, and **It's Me or the Dog**. From next Monday there will be a new daytime line up as **Countdown** returns, presented by Des Lynam. This will be followed by **Deal or No Deal**, a daily game show fronted by Noel Edmonds.

New dramas include **Ghost Squad**, **The Somme**, **Hall of Fame** and **The Queen's Sister**. The next series of **Peep Show** is also to be launched soon.

**New Business**  
**Director**

The remainder of the Directors' reports were taken as read.

**2006 Board Dates –  
C4 Paper 677 (42/05)**

Andy Duncan distributed the updated dates of the 2006 Board meetings.

**Dates of Remaining  
Board Meetings  
2004 – C4 Paper 678  
(43/05)**

The next meeting of the Board will be held from 3:00 pm to 6:00pm on Monday 28 November at Channel Four Television, 124 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2TX

Chairman .....

Date .....