

*Minutes of the Editors' Code of Practice Committee meeting at the offices of the News Media Association, 292 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, on July 6, 2017.*

**Present:**

Chairman: Neil Benson, Trinity Mirror Regionals

Damian Bates, (Press & Journal, Aberdeen); Mike Sassi (Nottingham Post); Gary Shipton (Johnston Press); Harriet Wilson (Condé Nast Publications).

*Lay members (ex officio)*

Sir Alan Moses (*Chairman, IPSO*); Matt Tee (*CEO, IPSO*).

*Independent lay members*

Christine Elliott; David Jessel; Kate Stone.

*Attending*

Jonathan Grun (*Secretary*)

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Chris Evans (Daily Telegraph); Hannah Walker (South London Press); Hugh Whittow (Daily Express); John Witherow (The Times)

**Chairman's introduction:**

Neil Benson thanked the editors on the committee for electing him to the post of chair and welcomed Gary Shipton to the committee.

The chair observed that it was a particularly interesting time because the committee was conducting a triennial review of the Code, which would conclude later this year.

The committee recorded its thanks to Paul Dacre for his nine years as chair of the Editors' Code of Practice Committee.

**Minutes** of the meeting on December 1, 2016 were noted, having been approved earlier by email.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Secretary's report**

The Secretary reported that The Regulatory Funding Committee Board had approved the committee's recommendations for constitutional changes that were agreed at

the meeting on December 1. These included limiting terms of membership and the introduction of triennial reviews of the Code.

**Code Review**

The committee discussed issues raised by public submissions to the Code Review and agreed that further consideration should be given at a meeting later in the year.

**Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the autumn of 2017 on a date to be decided.