



**The Commissioner for
Public Appointments**

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Susie Uppal
Chief Executive
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By email only

Dear Ms Uppal,

Thank you for your letter of 6 June, regarding the recruitment of two new members to the Board of the Press Recognition Panel.

You have asked for confirmation that I am satisfied the process relied on to recruit these members was fair, open and merit-based, as required under Article 4.2 of Schedule 1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press. As you are aware, the Commissioner for Public Appointments has delegated his Article 4.2 powers to me, and I have dealt with this case on his behalf, and without consulting him.

Your letter was helpful in setting out the reasons why you believe that the recruitment process was fair, open and merit-based. Having considered these reasons, reviewed the candidate pack for the role, and confirmed that the Commissioner's office has not received any complaints about the process, I can see no reason for believing that the process was not fair, open or merit-based, and confirm that I am content for you to proceed with making the relevant appointments.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Owen
Interim Chief Executive of the
Civil Service Commission