

Note of the Ofcom Board held on 15 October 2025

Members were welcomed to the 328th meeting of the Ofcom Board. In addition to Board members, Martin Ballantyne (General Counsel), Veronica Branton (Corporation Secretary) and Sharon Malley (Governance Manager) attended throughout.

Declaration of members' interests

1. No new interests were declared.

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025

2. The minutes of the Ofcom Board meeting held on 24 September 2025 were approved as a correct record and progress against actions was noted.

Chair's report

3. The Chair updated the Board on his activity and said he had held one-to-ones with all non-executive Ofcom Board members since the last Board meeting.
4. The Board noted the report.

Chief Executive's report

5. The Chief Executive updated the Board on Ofcom's activity, including a fine against Royal Mail, the conclusion of the mmWave spectrum auction and recent enforcement work. She updated the Board on internal appointments and said that Ofcom's conclusions following its consultation on politicians as news presenters were due to be published shortly. She updated the Board on her recent visit to the US to meet companies regulated under the Online Safety Act and her appearance at the House of Lords Communications and Digital Committee.
6. The Board noted the report.

BBC programme of work update

7. The Board discussed a paper on the BBC programme of work, including key findings for Ofcom's BBC Annual Report and Periodic Review.
8. The Board noted the report.

Appointments to the National Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland

9. The Board approved appointments to the National Advisory Committee for Northern .

Standing items

10. The Board noted the following standing items:

- Non-executive member updates
- Quarterly performance report
- Board work programme and publications schedule
- Minutes of the Advisory Committee Communications Consumer Panel/ACOD of 17 July 2025, Online Information Advisory Committee of 12 September 2025 and Risk and Audit Committee of 17 September 2025.

Any other business

11. The Board noted the Communications Consumer Panel/ACOD update.

Date of the next meeting

12. The next Board meeting would be held on 19 November 2025.