

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE BBC'S NEW DIGITAL TELEVISION SERVICES – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The reviewer shall:

- consider whether, in providing its new digital television services (the channels BBC3, BBC4, Cbeebies and CBBC), the BBC is acting in accordance with the facts and assurances on the basis of which approval to proceed with the services was given, and that the conditions imposed by the Secretary of State have been satisfied;
- produce an assessment of the market impact of the digital services under review;
- provide, within the context of the review of the BBC's Charter, any views on how the digital services under review might develop in the future, with particular reference to the services for children;
- conduct a public consultation;
- have regard, in reaching conclusions, to:
 - (i) the BBC's own report on the performance of its new digital services and to any subsequent evidence provided by the Corporation;
 - (ii) views submitted by other organisations and individuals in response to the BBC's report; and
 - (iii) any additional evidence which the reviewer considers it appropriate to commission;
- submit a report on the BBC's new digital television services to the Secretary of State, in publishable form, by the end of August 2004, setting out the conclusions of the review, making any recommendations which the reviewer considers appropriate to ensure that the BBC's new digital television services are operated in accordance with the terms fact and assurances of the original approval, and that the conditions imposed by the Secretary of State have been satisfied, and outlining any views s/he has on how the new digital television services might develop in the future.