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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

TINDLE NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

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21st July 2015

The Rt. Hon Alan Moses IPSO
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Dear Sir Alan,

After discussion with Sir Ray, to whom you wrote on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 with a copy to me, and after seeking views from Hannah Walker, editor in chief of South London Press, I am attempting to answer your letter on Sir Ray's behalf.

I have set out this reply in the order you have used in your 'Draft Model Annual Report'.

# Annual Report 8<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

#### 1. Introduction

Tindle Newspapers Ltd is a family business with no outside shareholders and no connection with any other company or business. It was formed in the 1960's. It has never borrowed or owed money. The papers in the company were all either purchased or launched between the late 60's and 2015. They are all small, very local weeklies (with one or two fortnightlies or monthlies).

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PUBLISHERS OF 200 NEWSPAPERS - MANY BETWEEN 100 AND 200 YEARS OLD

A full list of titles is enclosed.

Sir Ray as chairman and I as vice-chairman are the people ultimately responsible for all these newspapers. Locally, in each case, we would regard the general manager or the editor to take responsibility and to deal with readers complaints if any.

#### 2. Editorial Standards

We do not accept that our strictly local papers, which they are, should be biased in any way. They report what is happening or what is being said in their towns or villages in a straightforward, factual way, without any political or other leaning or bias.

Local weekly newspapers do not have a history of libel cases. Mistakes occur of course in the very nature of things but they are fairly rare and are dealt with promptly by the editor. Our editors have no hesitation on publishing corrections. We all try to keep readers happy if we have inadvertently published an error. We have not yet sought guidance from IPSO.

Because any such matters are dealt with locally, we are not normally aware of them at Tindle Newspapers level. The editor would normally keep a record of complaints.

If an editor has any doubt about a report or story he or she will seek verification before publication. We and our editors expect high standards in every aspect of our publishing efforts. Journalists who do not have high standards are not engaged. Our managers and editors are very concerned about this. They have to live in their circulation areas normally and make great efforts to achieve immaculate or near-immaculate issues.

#### 3. Complaint Process

As I have said, on our small weekly papers the editor would normally deal with complaints. These complaints come by letter, by E-mail or by telephone.

The editor may in many or most cases agree the wording of any correction and then arrange to publish it. He or she will have a record. We do not keep a record at TNL level – this is a local matter.

Occasionally, a question arises where TNL is consulted. We recently had a complaint from a man in one of Her Majesty's prisons! We discussed it at this level and spoke to NMA and then to our solicitor who has handled the case on our behalf.

We publish a statement about IPSO's complaints process in all our papers.

### 4. Training Programme

TNL does not have a group training programme. Each editor would deal individually with this.

Sir Ray and I hope this will meet your requirements but please don't hesitate to come back to us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Craig Vice Chairman



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