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>> On 19 Nov 2014, at 18:45, Alwen Lyons
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>> Mark did explain that he would like to focus on Oliver Letwin to try and get him to understand
everything we have done and why we believe we should continue as we are doing.
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>> I am sure they will want to be updated, could it part of your report.
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   Thanks
>> Alwen
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>> Alwen Lyons
   Company Secretary
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>>> On 19 Nov 2014, at 18:15, Paula Vennells
>>> Thanks Alwen.
>>> I hadn't anticipated we would change our approach. But presumably Mark explained seeing Oliver Letwin
to share why we can't answer his question. The discussion needs to centre on what we think the next
steps/fall-out will be and how we manage it. I imagine the Board will still want to be updated even if
there is no sub-Ctte.
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>>> Paula Vennells
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>>> Sent from my iPad
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>>>> On 19 Nov 2014, at 14:26, Alwen Lyons {
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>>>> Paula
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>>>> I hope you are feeling better
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>>>> I'm not sure if you have been in touch with Alice and if so whether you mentioned this to her.
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>>>> Mark, Belinda and I met Alice this morning to discuss Sparrow.
>>>> She was very sorry that the meeting had been so difficult and appalled by the behaviour. However she
did not want to call a Sparrow Sub Committee next week as she thinks the process is working and we should
continue as is.
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>>>> We have Sparrow on the exco agenda tomorrow so should be have that debate and then consider how we
take it forward.
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>>>> Thanks
>>>> Alwen
>>>> Alwen Lyons
>>> Company Secretary
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>>>> On 18 Nov 2014, at 18:20, Paula Vennells { GRO } wrote:
>>>> Hi this is just to confirm what I said last night - that I want a board sub-ctte to debate next
steps. I am about to flag that to Alice.
>>>>> Alwen, therefore to be aware. I don't have next week's Board agenda with me but that would be the
obvious timé. (And I imagine it will be a topic of discussion over dinner the night before, so I want to be prepared!) However, It's important so mustn't be 'squeezed in' and mustn't be discussed when people
are tired. Also the team need to be sure they are ready to discuss; and, ideally we take Alice through it
first.
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>>>> Lastly,
>>>>> 1) as I don't trust the meeting last night, Mark - do we have up to date media contingencies?
>>>>> 2) in case I'm not in tomorrow (I do intend to recover properly), Alice might appreciate Mark and Chris to update on the meeting. By all means discuss thoughts and get Alice's input but make sure you
give us the time and freedom to look at all options. The Exco need to debate it as well in Thursday.
>>>> Thanks, Paula
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