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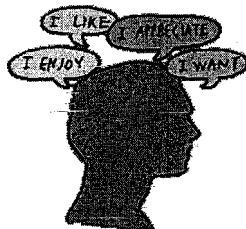
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## How we govern

### We make sure BBC managers are doing their jobs properly, rather than managing the BBC itself



We are your voice within the BBC; we have considerable power to wield on your behalf – and when we need to, we act quickly and decisively in your interests

We set BBC strategy and top-level budgets and we appoint the BBC's top executive, the Director-General. We make sure the BBC has the right standards and that its programmes live up to those standards

#### Governance framework

Details of the Royal Charter and Agreement which set out our powers and duties, together with the protocols and policies that we use to carry out our functions

#### Public purposes

The Charter gives the BBC six public purposes. Our purpose remits show how we want the BBC to achieve those purposes

#### Other BBC Activities

There are special rules governing some BBC activities – such as the BBC World Service

#### Service reviews

We look in detail at each BBC service at least once every five years

#### New services

The BBC needs our permission before it can launch any new services. When one is proposed, we undertake a public value test

#### Review of BBC governance

Our review set out to establish whether existing governance arrangements could be improved within the framework of the current Royal Charter.

#### Service licences

We give a licence to every BBC service setting out what we expect each service to achieve

#### Diversity and equality

We make sure the BBC delivers its commitment to equal opportunities and diversity

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