

Re: News 3 bid and information for Nicholas Shott 

Sly Bailey to: Tom Shepherd, Georgina Harvey, Neil Benson, Paul Vickers

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Tom - I'm happy for them to see it so long as we have confirmation from them in writing that nothing can be published without our consent.

Thanks

Sly

Tom Shepherd

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From: Tom Shepherd

Sent: 15/07/2010 15:44 GDT

To: Georgina Harvey; Neil Benson; Paul Vickers

Cc: Sly Bailey

Subject: Fw: News 3 bid and information for Nicholas Shott

Georgina / Neil / Paul

See below for email from DCMS, asking if we are happy for our News 3 tender documents to be shared with Nicholas Shott for the purposes of his review into local media.

I think we are happy with this, as long as the contents are used solely for the purposes of the review and nothing confidential from our bid is published in their final report without our consent. I think we're also happy for our bid to be shared with his steering group, on the same basis.

I will check that Tony Watson and Alex Connock are happy with this too, and if you agree will relay this message back to DCMS.

I will forward to you by separate email the latest announcement on Schott's review from the DCMS website (link below).

Regards,
Tom

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To "Tom.shepherd@trinitymirror.com"
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Subject News 3 bid and information for Nicholas Shott

Dear Tom

As you may be aware, the new Secretary of State has asked Nicholas Shott, Head of UK Investment Banking at Lazard to carry out an independent assessment into the commercial viability of local television. In that context, it has been suggested it would be very useful if Mr Shott could see some of the details of the News 3 bid, as it set out new and innovative ways for delivering local news. As your bid contained confidential information, I am contacting you to see if you would be willing for

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Nicholas Shott to see some (or all) of the details of the News 3 bid. if you would not want him to see the full tender documentation but say a brief summary, I would be very grateful if you could provide this, as i would not want to share information which you would prefer to be kept confidential.

I should also mention that Nicholas Shott has formed a small steering group to help him with this study. The steering group members are:

- Brian Linden – Partner, Cinven
- Claire Enders – Chief Executive, Enders Analysis
- Baroness Kingsmill CBE – former Deputy Chair of the Competition Commission
- Richard Eyre – former Chairman of Gcap

This steering group is supporting Nicholas in a personal capacity and they remain entirely independent from Government. if you were willing to share some (or all) of the details of the News 3 bid with Nicholas Shott, please could also you let me know if you would happy for Nicholas to share this in turn with his steering group.

I am attaching a link to the DCMS website which sets out the remit of Nicholas Shott's work in more detail - http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/broadcasting/7235.aspx

Please feel free to give me a call if you there is anything you would like to discuss.

Best regards

Natasha

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