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Vallance, Hadrill and Young join Hepworth on governance review panel

Vivien Hepworth, Chairman of the governance review looking into how the PCC operates, has announced the make up of the independent panel that will carry out the review. She said:

"I am very pleased to announce that Stephen Hadrill, Elizabeth Vallance, and Eddie Young have agreed to be part of this group. I wanted a team that would combine an insight into governance matters, knowledge of self-regulation, industry expertise, and some fresh thinking - and that is what this line-up delivers. Eddie, Elizabeth and Stephen all have outstanding track records in their own fields, and will help ensure that the review is a rigorous and innovative process."
Further details about the review - including how any interested party can contribute to it - will be announced shortly. It is expected that the review will take around 6 months to complete.

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Notes

1. PCC Chairman Baroness Buscombe announced the review on 6th August 2009:
<http://www.pcc.org.uk/news/index.html?article=NTg1MA==>
2. Vivien Hepworth is Executive Chairman of Grayling in the UK. She was a Public Member of the PCC from October 2001 until September 2009, when she stepped down in order to carry out this review. A former Chairman of Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Hospital Trust, she is also a Trustee of the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, Vice-Chairman of the College of St Barnabas and the founder and Hon President of the Nystagmus Network, a self-help group for those with certain rare visual impairments and their families.
3. Stephen Hadrill is Director General of the Association of British Insurers, and will shortly take up a post as Chief Executive of the Financial Reporting Council. He was previously a senior civil servant at the Department of Trade and Industry.
4. Dr. Elizabeth Vallance, a writer and academic, is Chairman of the Institute of Education, University of London, and a member of the Committee on Standards in Public Life. She has recently joined the PCC's Appointments Commission - an independent body that makes appointments to the board of the Press Complaints Commission.
5. Eddie Young is the former Group Legal Adviser of Associated Newspapers, and has over forty years' experience of the newspaper industry.
6. For more information, contact Tim Toulmin on 020 7831 0022.

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