

### Appointments to PCC and Charter Compliance Panel

The Commission is pleased to announce that two new appointments have been made to the board of the Press Complaints Commission and the independent body that monitors its standards of service, the Charter Compliance Panel (CCP).

Simon Irwin, editorial director of the Kent Messenger Group, has been appointed to the board following the retirement from the Commission of Manchester Evening News editor Paul Horrocks, who served on the PCC for just over four years until the end of 2006. Mr. Irwin's appointment - which followed a nomination from the Newspaper Society - took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

Harry Rich, the deputy chief executive of the Design Council, has been appointed to the Charter Compliance Panel. This follows the retirement of Dame Ruth Runciman, who served on the panel from 2004-2006. Mr. Rich has been appointed to a two year term from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

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1. Appointments to the Charter Compliance Panel are made by the PCC's independent Appointments Commission, which also ratifies nominations from the industry trade bodies for editorial appointments to the Commission. Members of the Appointments Commission are: Sir Christopher Meyer (Chairman); Tim Bowdler CBE (Chairman of PressBoF); Sir David Clementi; Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill; and Andrew Phillips.
2. There are seven editors on the Commission, out of a total membership of 17. The other ten members have no connection with the industry other than by their membership of the PCC.
3. The Charter Compliance Panel is chaired by Sir Brian Cubbon. For more information about the panel, click [here](#)
4. Simon Irwin has been Editorial Director of Kent Messenger Group since 2003. He was editor of the Kent Messenger between 1998-2003, and has had a career in local and regional newspapers and radio.
5. Harry Rich has been the deputy chief executive of the Design Council since October 2003. He was a member of the Advertising Standards Authority between 1997-2003.
6. For more information, contact Stephen Abell on 020 78310022.

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