New Charity Inquiry: Sikh Channel Community Broadcasting Company Limited

The Charity Commission has opened an inquiry into the Sikh Channel Community Broadcasting Company Limited (<u>registered charity number 1136163</u>) due to serious regulatory concerns resulting from a meeting with the charity's trustees. The inquiry opened on 13 November 2019.

During a meeting with the charity's trustees in October 2019, the Commission found a number of regulatory concerns about the charity's governance, including conflicts of interest, and concerns over the charity's financial management.

The inquiry will examine:

- whether the trustees have properly exercised their legal duties and responsibilities under charity law in the administration of charitable funds held by the organisation;
- the financial management of the organisation;
- whether there has been private benefit to the trustees or former trustees of the charity;
- the charity's activities and partnerships with other organisations;
- the conduct of the trustees.

Since the opening of the inquiry new trustees and a new CEO have been appointed to the charity who are looking to make improvements.

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries by the Commission are available on <u>GOV.UK</u>.

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Notes to Editors

- 1. An inquiry is not a finding of wrongdoing.
- 2. The Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales; our role is to regulate charity trustees' compliance with the charity law framework.
- 3. The charity exists to further the charitable work of the Sikh religion and community.