



## **PREMIUM RATE SERVICES**

### **THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION STATEMENT (Jan to Dec 2023)**

Ofcom's Television Broadcast Licence requires broadcasters to include a system of verification by an appropriate independent third party where premium rate services ("PRS") are used (condition 14(3)(b) of the broadcast licences as the method of communication for voting or competitions publicised within programme time.

Licence conditions for the Channel 3 Network of Services (including STV Central Limited and STV North Limited (collectively "STV")) are available at: <http://licensing.ofcom.org.uk/tv-broadcast-licences/current-licensees/channel-3/>

Controlled PRS are used for voting and competitions in programmes that are broadcast on the Channel 3 Network/ the appointed Channel 3 Network Compliance Licensee for such programmes is ITV Broadcasting Limited. ITV Services Limited, on behalf of ITV plc's Broadcast Licensees, engaged Deloitte LLP to deliver the third-party verification work covering the Channel 3 broadcast period from 01 January to 31 December 2023.

As a director of STV, I am satisfied that the PRS services have been verified by an appropriately independent third party; and STV has in place suitable procedures to fulfil the requirements of the licence.

Bobby Hain, MD, Broadcast

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