

## **Notes from Tim Davie session**

### **VLV Conference April 27 2022**

In his session Tim Davie said that government relations were 'in pretty good shape' although he was disappointed with the recent BBC funding settlement. He wouldn't be drawn on which services he might have to cut as a result of lack of funds, although he said he would prioritise quality over quantity, probably providing less content than in the past and not spreading the budget too thinly.

He highlighted that repeats can often be valuable for audiences, as they are proving current on BBC4 where the BBC is showcasing its archive.

He said he wanted to ensure 'value for all', increasing output which reflects all the regions and Nations of the UK partly because audiences feel more connected to the BBC when they see their lives reflected on screen. He said he is opposed a 'lurch towards youth' programming to attract younger audiences because the BBC needs to serve all audiences.

He and Janine discussed the complaints system which is likely to come under scrutiny during the government's forthcoming Mid-Term Review as well as allegations about the DJ Tim Westwood which are currently in the headlines.