

# *Nudge Nudge*

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## The exit strategy

Daily Star sub editor Ingo Hippisley has been cleared to leave the paper with his redundancy package intact after a chapel meeting on Wednesday 2 April, followed by talks with the management.

Last week Ingo and several other journalists who were in line for redundancy were put “on hold” by the management.

The management took action after chapel officials protested about Daily Star news subbing work being transferred from London to Broughton in contravention of our agreement. Now both management and union have agreed that further talks are needed to clarify our agreement and to establish a way “forward”.

The following resolution was passed at the chapel meeting with only one vote against and three abstentions:

**“This chapel has an agreement with management that the redundancy exercise ended on January 31 and objects to management’s suggestion that it be kept open indefinitely.**

**“A slow blood-letting of jobs from the London operation is unacceptable and such an erosion of jobs contradicts the chairman’s statement of intent with his new London HQ and a commitment to expansion in London.**

**“We call on management to stop redundancy by the back door. If management reneges on its original agreement, the chapel will proceed towards a ballot for industrial action.**

**“We are disgusted at management treating individuals as human shields in a blatant and despicable attempt to break the unity of the chapel. “This chapel stands united and totally committed towards making management honour commitments already made to those people told they can leave with the redundancy payment.”**

Following talks with management after the chapel meeting, the following was agreed:

1. As a gesture of goodwill, the management will allow Ingo Hippisley to be made redundant.
2. As an interim measure, the chapel committee will sanction the subbing of a few Star sport and news pages in Broughton prior to a meeting with management next week.
3. At that meeting, the management will update the committee on any revisions to its plans for sharing subbing with Broughton.
4. The chapel will then decide at a meeting to be arranged as soon as possible its response to the proposed plans.