

Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 16 November 2016

Venue: London Mathematical Society, De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS

Time: 10.15am – 15.30pm

Attendees: David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Russell Hoyle (RH), Richard Ives (RI), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), Rachel Lampard (RL), David Miers (DM), Simon Tanner (ST)

In attendance: Marc Etches (ME), Iain Corby (IC), Paul Hope (PH)
[Staff names of those other than the Leadership team have been redacted]

Apologies: Heather Wardle (HW)

Ref	Action:	Status	Minute number / Page
41	Secretariat to amend any references to the Responsible Gambling Trust to GambleAware and add Public Health Wales to the list of organisations to contact.	Complete	4.1/p.2
42	Secretariat to develop a communications plan for publishing the position paper in conjunction with CK and ST.	Complete	4.1/p.2
43	CK and the secretariat to reflect Board's comments in the next iteration of the draft advice and recirculate for comment.	Complete	5.1/p.2
44	Board members to send any specific drafting changes to the secretariat.	Complete	5.1/p.2
45	Secretariat to put through the agreed changes and publish before 7 December.	In progress	7.1/7.2/p.3
46	RI to provide some text on the education pilots.	In progress	7.1/7.2/p.3
47	Secretariat to reinstate discussions with relevant Gambling Commission colleagues on further refining the Quarterly Research Briefings.	To be actioned	10.1/p.3

1. Apologies and declarations of interest

1.1. Apologies were received from Heather Wardle.

- 1.2. There was one declaration of interest from DF in relation to a piece of work he had been awarded by GambleAware to undertake further analysis of machine data to examine the impact of the £50 regulations. Although the analysis had not yet commenced the findings may have implications for the Board's advice to DCMS on its Review of Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures. CK thanked DF for his declaration but advised that as the work had not yet begun it did not impact the discussion under item 5 on the current draft advice.

2. Minutes and matters arising from 19 September 2016: RGSB 16 06 (01)

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

3. RGSB Secretariat Update Report: RGSB 16 06 (02)

- 3.1 CK summarised the main items in the update report from the secretariat noting in particular; the appointment of Dr Hermine Graham to RGSB from January 2017, the return of [] to the secretariat (working Monday to Wednesday), and attendance at various meetings, conferences and visits.

4. RGSB Position Paper: Gambling-related harm as a public health issue: RGSB 16 06 (03)

- 4.1 ST introduced a final draft of the RGSB position paper on gambling-related harm as a public health issue to the Board for approval. The paper is intended to open up a conversation with public health agencies to help them understand the potential implications of gambling-related harm, and to encourage them to have policies in place to address it. **[Redacted – information intended for future publication]** The Board approved the publication of the position paper subject to the minor amendments below.

Action: Secretariat to amend any references to the Responsible Gambling Trust to GambleAware and add Public Health Wales to the list of organisations to contact.

Action: Secretariat to develop a communications plan for publishing the position paper in conjunction with CK and ST.

5/6. Discussion: Finalising RGSB advice on the Triennial Review of Stakes and Prizes: RGSB 16 06 (04)

- 5.1 CK introduced the item setting out how he hoped to approach the discussion, focusing on overall key issues rather than undertaking a page by page redrafting exercise. The discussion focused mainly on the executive summary and on the recommendations and conclusions. Board agreed some helpful changes which would be incorporated in the next version.

Action: CK and the secretariat to reflect Board's comments in the next iteration of the draft advice and recirculate for comment.

Action: Board members to send any specific drafting changes to the secretariat.

7. Research Programme 2017-2019: RGSB 16 06 (05)

- 7.1 [] presented a near final draft of the Research Programme for Board approval prior to publication. He noted that some minor amendments were required to draw out the priority projects, in particular those around gambling-related harm, education and product characteristics and how people play. DF suggested that the next iteration should also include further exploration on the question of how people play i.e. conservative or reckless which would help us understand player behaviour (item 4.1). RI also mentioned some education pilots which he felt could be referred to and agreed to send some text to [].
- 7.2 Board agreed that the subject to the minor amendments agreed, the Research Programme should be published before the GambleAware conference on 7/8 December.

Action: Secretariat to put through the agreed changes and publish before 7 December.

Action: RI to provide some text on the education pilots.

8. Briefing Paper: Marketing and Advertising: RGSB 16 06 (06)

- 8.1 This paper was tabled for information and was not discussed in detail at the meeting. The Board did however reiterate the concern they raised in the National Responsible Gambling Strategy around the effect of gambling advertising on children and young people. They also felt that there was a need to prove that gambling adverts are not having a negative effect on children.

9. Briefing Paper: The Remote Sector: RGSB 16 06 (07)

- 9.1 This paper was tabled for information and was not discussed in details at the meeting. CK did however note that the remote sector was an area he felt the Board should devote more attention to next year.

10. Quarterly Research Briefing: RGSB 16 06 (08)

- 10.1 This paper was tabled for information and was not discussed at the meeting. It was however noted by [] that further work was required to work with Gambling Commission colleagues to make the briefings more useful and to draw out key points and conclusions. However given the significant focus on developing the advice for DCMS, this had not been a priority for the secretariat, but [] confirmed that it would be looked at again in the New Year.

Action: Secretariat to reinstate discussions with relevant Gambling Commission colleagues on further refining the Quarterly Research Briefings.

11. Update from GambleAware: RGSB 16 06 (09)

- 11.1 This paper was tabled for information only and was not discussed at the meeting. A copy of the paper is available on GambleAware's website [here](#).

12. Any other business

12.1 CK reminded Board members that the next meeting in January was a Board away day with dinner the previous evening. The focus of the away day would be to take stock of the last year, identify priorities for the year ahead, hearing from Sarah Harrison on what the Gambling Commission will be focusing on, and planning for the annual review of progress and achievements.

Next meeting: 10 January 2017 – RGSB Away Day: Salisbury Meeting Room, Thistle Euston Hotel, 43 Cardington Street, London, NW1 2LP [with dinner the previous evening 9 January]