

## Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 18 July 2016

**Venue:** Wesley Hotel, 81-103 Euston Street, Euston, London, NW1 2EZ

**Time:** 10.15am – 15.00pm

**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), Heather Wardle (HW)

**In attendance:** Amanda Allen (AA) (minutes), Rob Burkitt (RB) (for item 5) Iain Corby (IC), Paul Hope (PH), Kate Lampard (KL), Tim Livesley (TL), Jim O'Halloran (JOH) (for item 2 only), Jonathan Watkin (JW), Chris Wilkinson (CW) (for item 2 only)

**Apologies:** Marc Etches (ME), Joanne Higgs (JH),

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30	Board members to forward any questions resulting from the Machines Data presentation to secretariat for collation and response from SG/IG Gaming.	In progress	2.1/p2
31	TL/HW to follow-up with IG/SG to obtain as much data as possible for statistical analysis regarding gaming machines and change in player behaviours pre & post £50 regulation.	In progress	2.1/p2
32	Secretariat to make correction to the May minutes para 4.2 to reflect the Responsible Gambling Council Canada should be the Responsible Gambling Council Ontario	Complete	3.1/p2
33	TL/JW to produce a draft advice paper on Triennial Review on machines, stakes and prizes for the next Board meeting in September.	Complete	4.2/p3
34	HW to obtain list of additional conditions that can be applied to premises licences as a result of LRAs and circulate to Board members.	In progress	5.2/p3
35	Board members to express interest in attending the roundtable events planned with Casino, Remote and Treatment sectors to inform our advice for the Triennial. Dates will be circulated.	Complete	6.1/p3
36	TL circulate RI note of the APPG meeting – Future of Gaming Machines	Complete	6.3/p4
37	Secretariat to prepare a formal advice paper to the Commission regarding quantum of funding for research,	Complete	7.1/p4

### **1: Apologies and declarations of interest**

- 1.1. Apologies were received from ME & JH. CK welcomed KL, new RGT Chair to her first RGSB Board meeting.

### **2: Presentation: Machines data from SG Gaming – Changes since the £50 regulations came in**

- 2.1 CK welcomed and introduced JOH (Inspired Gaming) and CW (SG Gaming) to the meeting. SG Gaming and Inspired Gaming supply the majority of category B2 gaming machines into the LBO market with approx. 50% market share each.

The presentation had been previously shared with DCMS and the Gambling Commission in June 2016 to provide analysis of the impact and player behaviours since the implementation of the £50 regulations last year. The presentation provoked a lot of interest and questions from the Board and it was felt that the data would be very useful for statistical analysis to support the advice for the forthcoming Triennial Review (and if possible historical data). The presenters explained, however, that the data were commercially sensitive. It was suggested that any questions were fed in directly to SG/IG Gaming for them to respond.

**Action:** Board members to forward any questions resulting from the Machines Data presentation to secretariat for collation and response from SG/IG Gaming.

**Action:** TL/HW to follow-up with IG/SG to obtain as much data as possible for statistical analysis regarding gaming machines and change in player behaviours pre & post £50 regulation.

### **3: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 18 May 2016: RGSB 16 04 (01)**

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the correction of the Responsible Gambling Council Canada to the Responsible Gambling Council Ontario as detailed in para 4.2. There were no matters arising.

**Action:** Secretariat to make correction to the May minutes para 4.2 to reflect the Responsible Gambling Council Canada should be the Responsible Gambling Council Ontario.

### **4: Discussion – Developing RGSB advice on Triennial Review on machines, stakes and prizes: RGSB 16 04 (02)**

- 4.1 Following the last Board meeting the sub-group have held further discussions on the topic of B2 machines and £100 stakes in preparation of its advice for the next Triennial Review. This updated paper was intended to give an oversight of the way the thinking is emerging over a wide range of complex topics and to provide a starting point to help move to an agreed position on these issues. It was noted that the paper was comprehensive and structured well. Much discussion ensued focusing on:

- Whether B2 machines or £100 stakes are disproportionately harmful
- The location of gaming machines and premises – distribution, clustering and deprivation

- Violence and damage to machines
- Whether sufficient steps are being taken to minimise harm related to B2 machines
- Whether reducing maximum stake will reduce harm or displace it
- If maximum stakes were to be reduced from £100, the possible options for new levels
- Other options available to reduce harm

Following the discussion CK felt that the secretariat was now in a position to produce a draft advice paper for review at the next Board Meeting.

**Action:** TL/JW to produce a draft advice paper on Triennial Review on machines, stakes and prizes for the next Board meeting in September.

### **5: Presentation: Local Risk Assessments: RGSB 16 03 (04)**

5.1 RB, policy development manager with lead responsibility for shared regulation and better regulation at the Gambling Commission gave a presentation on local area risk assessments which covered:

- the theory behind local area risk assessments
- how they are intended to curb gambling-related harm
- how they are being conducted in practice
- challenges and difficulties; and
- evidence of impact and plans for evaluation.

5.2 The presentation was supported by a paper (RGSB 16 04 (03)) to help the Board shape its thinking on the appropriateness of this new regulation to reduce harm. Following the presentation it was felt that there was nothing significant that would feed through to responsible gambling/harm minimisation. However HW stated that she was aware that some LA's will review licences, identify risks and add in additional conditions to their premises licences. HW offered to obtain a list of these conditions and circulate to Board members for their information.

**Action:** HW to obtain list of additional conditions that can be applied to premises licences as a result of LRAs and circulate to Board members.

### **6: RGSB Secretariat – Update Report: RGSB 16 04 (04)**

6.1 TL drew the Board's attention to the update report and noted some of the work of the secretariat since the last meeting in May, in particular that:

- The individual trade association meetings had now taken place and so had the subsequent meeting with IGRG members to ensure that a coherent and sufficient programme of work is under way to minimise gambling-related harm.
- The planning of roundtable events with the casino, remote and treatment sectors to inform our advice for the Triennial is in train. TL asked Board members to express an interest in attending.
- Dates for the Board visits that are detailed in the paper will be circulated shortly.

6.2. ST provided a verbal update on the Treatment Panel meeting he attended on 5 July.

6.3. RL & RI attended the All Parliamentary Party Group – Future of Gaming Machines Seminar and informed the Board that this was an interesting session with speeches from

BACTA and BPPB. RI produced a note of this meeting and TL will circulate to Board members

6.4. ST & RI attended the All Parliamentary Party Group – Research, Education & Treatment.

**Action:** Board members to express interest in attending the roundtable events planned with Casino, Remote and Treatment sectors to inform our advice for the Triennial.

**Action:** TL circulate RI note of the APPG meeting – Research, Education & Treatment

### **7: Agreeing the quantum of funding: RGSB 16 04 (05)**

7.1 TL introduced the paper to which the Board is committed for the purpose of estimating the quantum of funds required to deliver the National Responsible Gambling Strategy. The paper focuses on the cost implications for RGT and is broken down into three core elements of research, education (including prevention) and treatment.

**Action:** Secretariat to prepare a formal advice paper to the Commission regarding quantum of funding for research, education (including prevention) and treatment.

### **8: Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust: RGSB 16 04 (06)**

8.1 There was no time to go through the paper in any detail. A copy of the paper is available on the Trust's website.

### **9: Update on developing the framework and action plan for measuring success and monitoring achievements: RGSB 16 04 (07)**

9.1 This paper is for information only and provided an update to the Board on the work under way to develop an action plan and performance measurement framework for the National Responsible Gambling Strategy. Further updates will be provided as work progresses.

### **10: Any other business**

There were no additional items for discussion.

**Next meeting: 19 September 2016, 10:15 – 14:00 London Mathematical Society, De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS**