

## Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 14 October 2015

- Venue:** The Kings Fund, No 11 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN
- Time:** 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Attendees:** Kate Anthony (KA), Russell Hoyle (RH), Richard Ives (RI), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), Rachel Lampard (RL), David Miers (DM), Simon Tanner (ST), Heather Wardle (HW)
- In attendance:** Ruth Callaghan (RC), Marc Etches (ME), Joanne Higgs (JH) (minutes), Paul Hope (PH)
- Apologies:** Henrietta Bowden-Jones (HBJ), David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Katherine Jackson (KJ), Jonathan Watkin (JW)

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

- 1.1. CK welcomed members to the additional Board meeting which had been arranged at short notice.
- 1.2. Apologies were received from HBJ, DF, IG, KJ and JW.

### **2: Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 22 September 2015: RGSB 15 06 (01)**

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

### **3: Reviewing the draft RGSB strategy: RGSB 15 06 (02)**

3.1 CK thanked Board members for their additional comments on the latest draft of the strategy and advised that the meeting would be spent agreeing further drafting changes. The specific drafting changes would be incorporated into a new version of the draft strategy which would be shared with Board members for a final review before being finalised for the forthcoming stakeholder consultation.

3.2 In the detailed discussion that followed Board members focused on:

- Getting the vision right
- Agreeing the four main objectives
- Ensuring the section on regulatory changes was accurate
- Redrafting the underlying principles for the strategy
- Ensuring the section on successes and weakness of the previous strategy was fair and balanced
- Reviewing and refining the 16 priority actions
- Checking footnotes and references for accuracy.

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### **4: Correspondence from QAAD, Rethink Gambling and the Campaign for Fairer Gambling: RGSB 15 06 (03)**

4.1 The Board noted the correspondence received from QAAD, Rethink Gambling and the Campaign for Fairer Gambling and considered the contents in light of the development of the new RGSB strategy. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to all parties to acknowledge their submissions and that the secretariat would provide a more detailed briefing on Rethink Gambling and the Campaign for Fairer Gambling at its next meeting.

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**Action:** Secretariat to produce a briefing on Rethink Gambling and the Campaign for Fairer Gambling for the December meeting.

### **5: AOB**

5.1 RC informed Board members that she had recently submitted her resignation and would be leaving RGSB/the Gambling Commission in the New Year. Board members thanked RC for her contributions to the responsible gambling agenda and added that her advice and expertise would be greatly missed.

**Future meetings:**

**1 December 2015, 10.15am – 2pm, London Mathematical Society, Hardy Room, De Morgan House, 57-59 Russell Square, London, Greater London, WC1B 4HS**