

# Minutes of the meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board held on 24 September 2012

**Venue:** Government Art Collection, Queens Yard, 179a  
Tottenham court Road, London, W1T 7PA

**Time:** 10:15am

**Present:**

Paul Bellringer	PB
Henrietta Bowden-Jones	HBJ
Russell Hoyle	RH
Richard Ives	RI
David Miers	DM
Brian Pomeroy (Chair)	BP
Eleanor Roaf	ER

**In attendance:**

Ruth Callaghan	RC
Marc Etches	ME
Alan Jamieson	AJ
Rebecca Sutherland (minutes)	RS
Jon Watkin	JW

**Apologies:**

Chris Bell	CB
Gerda Reith	GR

<b>Action Ref</b>	<b>Actions:</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Minute number / Page</b>
66	RC to contact leading official for Youth Justice Board.	Ongoing	5.6/ page 3
67	Secretariat to add as standing item to agenda.	Done	6.3/ page 3
68	DM/JW to liaise with GR and HBJ to produce a summary paper of the key presentations from the EASG conference.	Done	11.2/ page 5

## **1. Apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Gerda Reith and Chris Bell.

## **2. Declaration of interest:**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. Minutes and matters arising**

3.1 The minutes from the 17 July 2012 were approved as a true record.

3.2 The actions were updated:

- Commissioners at the Gambling Commission (the Commission) have received the revised terms of reference.
- ME tabled hard copies of the historic Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF) funding agreements and copies of the new funding agreements to the Board.

3.3 The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (the Board) received the consultation on the Gambling Commission merger with National Lottery Commission. The Chair stressed that any responses to the consultation made by individual RGSB members should not be in a RGSB capacity. This should be made clear in any response.

## **4. Strategy issues discussion: draft two of strategy**

4.1 The Board discussed the latest outline draft of the RGSB Strategy and members made a number of general comments on the document.

- 4.2 The following points on structure were raised, to be taken into consideration:
- Key priorities should be set out earlier in the document.
  - That the document should summarise the main points and have a detailed annex to support it.
  - Research priorities were to be clearly articulated in the prevention and treatment sections.
- 4.3 The Board was asked for comment on section B and section C of the document. A number of detailed comments were made by the Board which will be incorporated into the final Strategy document and submitted at the Board meeting in November.

## 5. Update from the Responsible Gambling Trust

### Delivery progress:

- 5.1 ME introduced and set out the key points from the delivery report including progress on fundraising, cash-flow forecast, research and programmes of work from the Responsible Gambling Trust (the Trust):
- Total distributed funds for the year are expected to be £4.9million.
  - Total overheads have reduced by 38%.
  - Alan Jamieson has joined the Trust as a Trustee.
  - The GambleAware website is being re-developed, re-branded and updated with expert advice and re-launched later in 2012.
- 5.2 The Trust intends to commission research into gambling on category B machines. RC, DM and the Machines Expert Group (MEG) will work collaboratively with the Trust to assist in the development of a research programme.
- 5.3 The Board was informed that the Trust will be advertising for the post of Director of Commissioning.

### Youth justice screening:

- 5.4 RC introduced the paper on youth justice screening for discussion by the Board.
- 5.5 The Youth Justice Board are in the latter stages of agreement which involves gambling questions within their Asset – Core Profile questionnaire. These are due for Cabinet approval at the end of October.
- 5.6 The Board agreed that it would be useful to contact the Youth Justice Board to offer advice on problem gambling screening instruments.

**Action:** RC to contact leading official for Youth Justice Board.

## 6. Forward plan

- 6.1 RC introduced the forward plan to the Board for discussion.

- 6.2 It was suggested that 'Trust activities' should be added as an additional column to the plan.
- 6.3 It was agreed that this document should be updated at all future Board meetings.

**Action:** Secretariat to add as standing item to agenda.

## **7. Social gaming**

- 7.1 RC introduced the paper on social gaming. The Gambling Commission is currently determining its position regarding the regulatory boundaries for social gaming through social media platforms. JW is managing the Commission's research in this area.
- 7.2 The Board is asked to take a lead role in generating discussion and holding an event in November 2012.
- 7.3 A possible date for the social gaming event is 29 November; it will be held at the Commission offices in Birmingham.
- 7.4 The Board agreed to hold an expert event in November; it was suggested that an invitation to attend be extended to all Board members.

**Update** – The social gaming event will be held on 3 December.

## **8. Recruitment to RGSB**

- 8.1 The Chair introduced the paper on recruitment and explained that there is need for recruitment of a Chair and at least two ordinary members to the Board.
- 8.2 The Board was asked to endorse skills where expertise on the Board should be expanded to cover any knowledge gaps. The following skills were agreed and identified as areas of interest:
- young people
  - harm prevention approaches
  - treatment
  - health economics
  - social gaming and social media
- 8.3 The Commission is commencing recruitment in near future with a view for appointment in December 2012.

## **9. Harm prevention issues: Young people expert group**

- 9.1 ER provided feedback on the young people expert group.
- 9.2 ER explained that work was underway to identify experts to sit on a Young Person's Harm Prevention working group.

- 9.3 ER and RC will also meet GamCare on 1 October to discuss their youth programme.

## **10. Expert group feedback**

- 10.1 The Chairs of the expert groups provided updates from the research, education and harm prevention, treatment and machines meetings.
- 10.2 The minutes from all groups were noted.

## **11. AOB**

- 11.1 The research briefing (RGSB 12 04 (12)) was noted by the Board.

- 11.2 DM provided an update on the EASG conference in Greece.

**Action** – DM/JW to liaise with GR and HBJ to produce a summary paper of the key presentations from the EASG conference.

- 11.3 RC reported that there is a new minister for gambling.

- 11.4 The Board was asked to submit expenses, hospitality and declarations of interest to the secretariat.

- 11.5 The Chair thanked AJ for his work with the Board.