

## Meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board: 22 November 2017

- Venue:** The Grosvenor Hotel, Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0SJ
- Time:** 10.15 – 14.00
- Attendees:** David Forrest (DF), Ian Gilmore (IG), Hermine Graham (HG), Richard Ives (RI), Chris Kelly (CK) (Chair), Rachel Lampard (RL), Simon Tanner (ST), Heather Wardle (HW)
- In attendance:** Iain Corby (IC), Paul Hope (PH), Tim Miller (TM), Helen Venn (HV)  
**[Staff names of those other than the Leadership team have been redacted]**
- Apologies:** Russell Hoyle, Marc Etches

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79	Secretariat and CK to produce a further iteration of children and young people paper and circulate for comments.	Completed	4.3 / p.2
80	Secretariat and Compliance teams to create a list of existing pilots and evaluations from the Assurance Statements.	In progress	5.3 / p.3
81	Secretariat to incorporate the Board's suggestions in the next iteration of the research update.	In progress	6.1 / p.3

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

- 1.1 CK welcomed Tim Miller, Helen Venn and [ ] to the meeting. Apologies were noted for Russell Hoyle and Marc Etches. There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.2 Before moving on to the main agenda, CK informed the Board that [ ] would be leaving the secretariat in December to take up a new job. CK thanked [ ] for the support she had provided to the Board since she joined and wished her well for the future.

### **2. Minutes and matters arising from 27 September 2017: RGSB 17 06 (01)**

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and there were no matters arising. All actions from the previous meeting were in progress or complete.

### **3. Gambling Commission – Corporate Strategy: verbal update**

3.1 CK invited TM to update the Board on the Gambling Commission’s recently published Corporate Strategy. The Strategy sets out what a well-regulated gambling market that works for consumers would look like, and deliberately uses the language of preventing harm and safer gambling, rather than ‘responsible gambling’. It is devised around five strategic priorities which are each ‘owned’ by an executive director:

- protecting the interests of consumers
- preventing harm to consumers and the public
- raising standards in the gambling market
- optimising returns to good causes from lotteries; and
- improving the way the Commission regulates.

3.2 **[Redacted – information provided in confidence]**

3.3 It was agreed that the Board would have a discussion on its role going forward, including on areas where it can offer advice to the Commission, at the January away day.

**Action:** Secretariat to include a discussion on the role of RGSB on the agenda for January.

### **4. Gambling and children and young people: RGSB 17 06 (02)**

4.1 [ ] briefly introduced the revised draft of the children and young people’s paper, which was the substantive item on the agenda and thanked Board for their contributions so far. It was agreed that the best way to handle the discussion was to review each section, checking if the principle was right, reviewing the evidence and agreeing the actions.

4.2 **[Redacted – information intended for future publication]**

4.3 CK thanked the Board for their helpful comments and agreed to circulate a revised version in due course.

**Action:** Secretariat and CK to produce a further iteration of children and young people paper and circulate for comments.

### **5. Piloting player protection interventions: RGSB 17 06 (03)**

5.1 [ ] introduced the paper which was intended to open a discussion on the types of interventions we might want to see taking place across the industry, with a view to prioritising those which the Board felt most strongly about. **[Redacted - information intended for future publication]**

5.3 The Board felt that collating a list of what projects and evaluations were already planned or underway from the forthcoming Assurance Statements would be useful as we could then identify where the gaps were and recommend interventions to fill those gaps.

**Action:** Secretariat and Compliance teams to create a list of existing pilots and evaluations from the Assurance Statements.

## **6. RGSB research programme – update: RGSB 17 06 (04)**

- 6.1 [ ] introduced the update paper on the RGSB research programme which summarised progress to date on commissioning research projects, and plans for reprioritising future projects. The item was intended to bring Board members up to speed with the work already underway, in advance of a detailed discussion in January on future research priorities. The Board noted the update and suggested that a future version of the project list should include delivery timelines and end points (where known), and a summary of previous research where applicable.

**Action:** Secretariat to incorporate the Board's suggestions in the next iteration of the research update.

## **7. RET Review: RGSB 17 06 (05)**

- 7.1 This was a closed discussed for members of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board and Gambling Commission only.

## **8. Any other business**

- 8.1 There were no additional items to discuss.

## **9. RGSB secretariat – update report : RGSB 17 06 (06)**

- 9.1 This paper was provided for information only and was not discussed.

## **10. Update from GambleAware: RGSB 17 06 (07)**

- 10.1 This paper was provided for information only and was not discussed.

**Next meeting:** RGSB Dinner and Away Day, 22 and 23 January 2018. Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel, 130 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 5AY.