

GAMBLING COMMISSION

GCM(16)03

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Victoria Square House, Birmingham (Boardroom)

7 April 2016

Attendees: Robin Dahlberg
Philip Graf (Chair)
Sarah Harrison
Alison Hastings (via teleconference for item 4)
Walter Merricks
Jonathan Scott
Trevor Pearce
Peter Teague

Apologies:

In attendance: Anthony Lilley (Board adviser)
Graham Sharp (Board adviser)

Laura Balla (for item 6)
Linzi Cooke (for item 3)
Sarah Gardner
Ben Haden (for items 6 & 7)
Sue Harley
Jason Field (for item 5)
James Green (for item 6)
Joanne Higgs (for item 6)
Anja Kimberley (for item 6)
Elaine King (Notes)
Simon Knee (for item 2)
Neil McArthur
Sharon McNair (for item 3)
Michael Mitchell (for item 2)
Helen O'Kane (for item 3)
Nick Tofiluk
Tim Tyler (for item 3)
Richard Watson (for item 8)
Sir Chris Kelly (RGSB) (for item 6)

Declarations of Interest: No interests were declared.

Item 1: Minutes and action points of the last meeting

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February were approved subject to minor drafting changes.
2. The rolling actions were reviewed and updated.

Item 2:

Final corporate business plan 2016 /2017: GCP(16)12

3. The Board reviewed the final draft of the business plan and suggested a number of drafting changes.
4. The Board was content to delegate final sign-off to the Chair and Chief Executive.
5. The final version is to be published on the Commission's website.

2016 / 2017 Budget and Medium Term Financial plan: GCP(16)13

6. The paper outlined the proposed medium term financial plan up to 2019 / 2010.
7. The Board considered the information in the paper and approved the 2016 / 2017 Budget and Medium Term Financial plan. The Board gave in principle endorsement to the adoption of Option 3 to deal with financial reserves.
8. A briefing paper, providing more information about the change management programme, is to be presented at the May Board meeting.

Item 3:

Update on the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice crime review consultation: GCP(16)14

9. The crime review consultation closed on 30 December 2015 with 30 formal responses being received.
10. The paper contained the Commission's recommendations for taking the consultation proposals forward.
11. The Commission's response to the consultation will be published shortly. The response document will include our formal advice for the principles of some of the proposals, and a timeline for implementation.
12. The Board approved the recommendations.

Anti-money laundering workstream: GCP(16)15

13. The Senior Manager – AML introduced the papers which sought to provide the Board with: an update on progress against the agreed two-year plan by the Commission's anti-money laundering workstream, details of the EU Forth Anti-Money Laundering Directive and the Status of the Gambling Commission within the money laundering regulations.
14. The Board noted the report and endorsed the recommendations.
15. The Chair thanked the Senior Manager –AML for his contribution to the Commission and wished him well for the future.

Item 4: Developing the Commission's enforcement strategy: GCP(16)16

16. The General Counsel introduced the paper which set the context for the discussion about the Commission's approach to enforcement. Three broad areas for discussion were outlined: the statutory and policy framework; and update on the progress to date since the review of effectiveness of enhanced compliance in September and December 2015 and a summary of casework outcomes to date.
17. The General Counsel outlined the Commission's statutory and policy framework and current enhanced compliance approach; approach to regulatory settlement
18. The Board considered the key issues for review and provided a steer on areas requiring further exploration. The proposals will be worked up in more detail as part of the plans to publish an enforcement policy and strategy in the Autumn.

Item 5: Omand risk review: GCP(16)17

19. The Chief Executive introduced the risk review session.
20. Following review of the risk register and risk appetite at the February Board meeting amendments have been incorporated into the Commission's risk management process.
21. The Board was provided with a summary work undertaken to the management of risk in the Commission.
22. The Board reviewed the top corporate risks and considered the revisions to the corporate risk register.
23. The Board concluded that the revised corporate risk register captured the current external, operational and self-imposed risks.

Item 6:

Gambling participation and prevalence of problem gambling – update: GCP(16)24

24. Colleagues from the Commission's research workstream provided the Board with a summary of the annual results of the participation and prevalence workstream. The presentation outlined the findings of quarterly surveys conducted in March, June, September and December 2015.
25. The Board noted the report.

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26. The Chair welcomed Sir Christopher Kelly, Chair of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board to the meeting.
27. Discussion focussed on the National Responsible Gambling Strategy 2016-2017 to 2018-2019, new arrangements for prioritising, commissioning, funding and evaluating research, education and treatment.
28. The Board noted that the Strategy is to be published on 11 April.

Item 7: Update from the National Lottery Committee

29. The Director – National Lottery programme provided the Board with a summary of operational issues.
30. The Board noted the update, January Committee minutes and the February report from the director.

Item 8: Sports Betting integrity update: GCP(16)19

31. The Programme director and the Director (Sports Betting Integrity) introduced the briefing and presentation.
32. The Programme director advised that the objective of the session is to inform and refresh the Board's our understanding of the role of the Gambling Commission in regards to betting integrity issues.
33. The presentation focussed on the current position, weaknesses, risk and the Commission's future direction.
34. The Board considered the level and scope of Commission activity in the light of progress to date and the interrelated national and international issues.
35. The Board noted the report.

Item 9: Report from the Chief Executive: GCP(16)20

36. The Chief Executive introduced the report and provided the Board with a further update on current issues.

Item 10: Financial report – February 2016: GCP(16)21

37. The Board noted the report which provided an overview of the Commission's financial performance for the eleven months to February 2016.

Item 11: Quarterly research briefing 01/16 April 2016: GCP(16)22

38. The Board noted the report.

Item 12: Project Amigo – EuroMillions proposal: GCP(16)23

39. The Board noted the report.

Item 13: AOB

40. There was no other business.