

# GAMBLING COMMISSION

GCM(16)02

## Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Victoria Square House, Birmingham (Boardroom)

25 February 2016

**Attendees:** Philip Graf (Chair)  
Sarah Harrison  
Alison Hastings  
Walter Merricks  
Jonathan Scott  
Trevor Pearce  
Peter Teague

**Apologies:** Robin Dahlberg

**In attendance:** Dawn Best (for item 2)  
Sarah Gardner  
Ben Haden  
Sue Harley  
Elaine King (Notes)  
Anthony Lilley  
Neil McArthur  
Graham Sharp  
Nick Tofiluk

**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 21 January were approved.
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. The rolling actions were reviewed and updated.

### Item 2: Update on the removal of the requirement for personal functional licences (PFLs) in casinos: GCP(16)07

4. At its meeting in September the Board agreed to consult with the gambling industry regarding the removal of the requirement for personal functional licences in casinos.
5. The Commission and DCMS have discussed the proposal in detail and it is evident that a change in primary legislation would be required in order to remove the requirement.
6. The Licensing Manager outlined the various options available to the Commission and invited discussion.

7. The Board agreed that discussions should take place with DCMS about the possibility of seeking changes to primary legislation in order for the Commission to remove the requirement for personal functional licences in casinos.

**Item 3: Report from the Chief Executive: GCP(16)06**

8. The Chief Executive introduced the report and provided the Board with an update on current issues including:
  - Internal portfolio re-organisation
  - Employee survey - Development of employee focus groups
  - Key operational issues
  - DCMS Single departmental plan: 2015 – 2020
  - Board forward planning
  - Key operational and regulatory activity
  - Better regulation innovation plan
  - Annual assurance statements.
9. The Board noted the report.

**Item 4: Financial report: GCP(16)10**

10. The Board noted the report.

**Item 5: Action plan: innovative and growing products and activities in the remote sector: GCP(16)11**

11. The Board noted the report

**Item 6: AOB**

12. There was no other business.