

GAMBLING COMMISSION

GCM(16)05

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Victoria Square House, Birmingham (Boardroom)

23 June 2016

Attendees: John Baillie
Stephen Cohen
Robin Dahlberg
Philip Graf (Chair)
Sarah Harrison
Alison Hastings
Walter Merricks
Sarika Patel
Trevor Pearce
Simone Pennie
Jonathan Scott
Catharine Seddon
Peter Teague

Apologies: Graham Sharp (Board adviser)

In attendance: Anthony Lilley (Board adviser)

Christine Belai (for item 4)
Rob Burkitt (for item 9)
Brad Enright (for item 5)
Sarah Gardner
Ben Haden
Sue Harley
Chris Harper (for item 4)
Jenny Humble (for item 7)
Paul Hope (for item 7)
Simon Knee (for Item 8)
Cyrrian Macrae (for item 6)
Neil McArthur
Sharon McNair (for item 5)
Helen Rhodes (for items 7 & 8)
Marianne Smee (notes)
Nick Tofiluk

Item 1: Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest

1. The Chair welcomed Sarika Patel to her first meeting.
2. The Chair congratulated Sarah Harrison and Rachel Lampard on their recently announced honours.
3. The Chair thanked the Secretariat to the Board for all her work and Peter Teague for his contributions to the Board, as Chair of the Audit Committee and Regulatory Panels.
4. No interests were declared.

Item 2: Minutes and actions

5. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May were approved.
6. The rolling actions were reviewed and updated.

Item 3: Report from the Chief Executive: GCP(16)38

7. The Chief Executive introduced the report and provided the Board with an update on current issues including:
 - Key operational issues
 - Key operational and regulatory activity.
8. The Board noted the report.

Item 4: National Lottery Enforcement: GCP(16)40

9. The Head of National Lottery Licensing and Enforcement introduced the paper which outlined official's recommendations.
10. The Board endorsed the recommendations.

Item 5: Controlling where gaming machines may be played – Response: GCP(16)40

11. The Senior Manager – Industry, shared regulation introduced the paper which outlined the background to the consultation, the issues and concerns arising from the consultation and the steps taken by officials to address these in the responses document.
12. The Board noted that the Commission received 38 formal responses to the consultation. The Board also noted that the responses document would be published in July 2016 with provisions planned to come into effect alongside other Licence conditions and codes of practice changes in October 2016.
13. The Board endorsed the recommendations.

Item 6: Annual report and accounts: GCP(16)41

14. The Board reviewed the final draft version of the Annual report and accounts.
15. The Board noted that subject to a late amendment to the accounts the Audit Committee were content to approve them.
16. The Board approved the Annual report and accounts.

Item 7: Gambling review: mandatory account based play: GCP(16)42

17. The Programme Director – Consumer Programme introduced the paper which examined the case for making account-based play mandatory for some or all gambling products.
18. The Board noted that an update would be provided at their July Board meeting in regards to the gambling review.
19. The Board noted the paper and endorsed the recommendations.

Item 8: Financial Report: GCP(16)43

20. The Head of Finance introduced the report which provided an overview of the Commission's year to date performance.
21. The Chair thanked the Head of Finance for his work on the Annual report and accounts.
22. The Board noted the report.

Item 9: Better Regulation- Implementing the Enterprise Act 2016: GCP(16)44

23. The Workstream lead – better regulation introduced the paper which sort to provide the Board with an update on the Commission's progress in implementing the Enterprise Act 2016.
24. The Board noted the milestones for implementation and that officials will advise the Board on their recommendations in relation to the Small Business Appeals Champion in due course.
25. The Board noted the report.

Item 10: Audit Committee Annual report: GCP(16)45

26. The Audit Committee chair introduced the report which summarised for the Board the Committee's work for the year and set out the Committee's view of the Annual Report and accounts.
27. The Board approved the report and endorsed the recommendations.

Item 11: Report from the National Lottery Committee

28. The Director – National Lottery programme provided the Board with a summary of operational issues.
29. The Board noted the report.

Item 15: AOB

30. The General Counsel provided an update to the Board on the implementation of Board pad and advised that additional days outside of Board dates may be required for further induction sessions.