

# GAMBLING COMMISSION

GCM(16)01

## Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Victoria Square House, Birmingham (Boardroom)

21 January 2016

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

**In attendance:** Linzi Cook (for item 4)  
Sarah Gardner  
Ben Haden  
Sue Harley  
Paul Hope (for item 4)  
Elaine King (Notes)  
Anthony Lilley  
Tim Livesley (for item 3)  
Neil McArthur  
Graham Sharp  
Nick Tofiluk  
Helen Venn (for item 3)  
Jamie Wall (for item 3)

**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 3 December 2015 were approved.
2. Matters arising from the minutes:
  - DCMS' request for advice on CMS Select Committee recommendations on society lotteries overview – a working draft has been submitted to DCMS
  - Further work on the National Lottery Fourth Licence Competition is to be undertaken – paper for NL Committee / Board is being developed.
3. The rolling actions were reviewed and updated.

### Item 2:

#### Resolution to approve revised membership of the Audit Committee: GCP(16)01

4. The Board approved the revised membership.

### **Amendments to the Corporate Governance Framework: GCP(16)02**

5. The Board approved the revisions to the Corporate Governance Framework. These will be published on the Commission's website in due course.

### **Item 3: Emerging products in the remote sector: GCP(16)03**

6. The Senior Manager – Sector and Thematic and the Graduate intern – Sector and Thematic undertook a presentation to the Board which outlined the developments in the emerging field of e-Sports.
7. The presentation covered the portfolio of emerging products and current size of the e-Sports market and associated gambling on the various products.
8. Following the presentation the Board discussed the sector noting the key issues of regulatory interest.
9. A timetable of next steps is to be prepared for February Board. A further more detailed up date is to be given at the May Board meeting.

### **Item 4: Update on the licence conditions and codes of practice (LCCP) crime review: GCP(16)04**

10. The Manager – Sector and Thematic provided the Board with an update on the consultation on proposed amendments to LCCP in relation to the prevention of crime associated with gambling, which closed on 30 December 2015. The paper provided the Board with a preliminary analysis of responses.
11. The Board provided a steer on two specific areas, noting that these are subject to review once the final analysis has been done.
12. A more comprehensive analysis of the consultation responses will be issued to the Board, via correspondence, for approval.
13. The implementation plans will be developed and brought to the Board for review.

### **Item 5: Commissioner only session**

14. The Board held a session for commissioners and Board advisers only.

### **Item 6: Financial report: GCP(16)05**

15. The Board noted the report.

### **Item 7: Report from the National Lottery Committee:**

16. The Director – National Lottery provided the Board with an update on operational issues. The Board requested an update on Lotto statistics.
17. Items for future Board review were noted.

**Item 8: Report from the Chief Executive: GCP(16)06**

18. The Chief Executive introduced the report and provided the Board with an update on current issues including:
- RGSB
  - DCMS triennial review
  - Sports betting integrity.
19. The Board noted the report.

**Item 9: AOB**

20. There was no other business.