

# Minutes of the meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Present:**

Paul Bellringer

Henrietta Bowden-Jones

Alan Jamieson

David Miers

Julia Neuberger (Chair)

Gerda Reith

Eleanor Roaf

**In attendance:**

Natalie Simpson (minutes)

Carol Stone

## **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Chris Bell, Richard Ives and Neil Goulden.

## **2 Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting on 21 May 2010 were approved as a true record.

### **Matters arising**

There was discussion about the development of the gamble aware website and the Board noted that AJ is a member of the gamble aware editorial group and will raise points made by the Board and Panels at the next meeting.

## **3 Minutes of expert Panel meetings**

The minutes from the three expert Panels were noted.

## **4 Strategy 2010 development**

The draft Strategy 2010 paper was discussed and detailed comments on specific sections of the draft were made.

It was agreed that the Strategy 2010 timetable would be updated.

## **5 Evaluation strategy**

The draft evaluation strategy was discussed.

RGSB will evaluate the advice it has provided to RGF through the annual updating of the main Strategy, with all the information gathered by RGF informing that work.

## **6 Joint executive update: communications strategy**

The Board noted that a RGSB/RGF industry communications steering group meeting had recently been held.

The communications strategy is deliberately a combined RGSB/RGF strategy and one of its aims is to improve communication of the separate and complementary roles of RGSB and RGF.

It was noted that the Administration Officer was now in place.

## **7 RGSB Board vacancy**

It was agreed that recruitment of a new Board member will be put on hold.

## **8 Machines research draft proposal**

The Board discussed the machines research paper.

It was agreed that the Research Panel should continue to develop the following potential areas of interest into broad briefs for open tender:

- Investigation into the correlation (if any) between specific structural features of machines prevalent in Great Britain and propensity to problem gambling/risk of gambling harm.
- Assessment of the extent and effectiveness of consumer pre-commitment and self-exclusion strategies in relation to machines use.
- It was agreed that the Research Panel should consider changing the third area to: Mapping of density and location of machines and influence of these factors in relation to propensity of gambling-related harm, with attention given to bids that relate to one of the 16 casino areas.

## **9 Unsolicited bids and research capacity**

The Board discussed the 'Unsolicited bids and research capacity bids' paper. It was noted that there was no RGF budget in the current financial year for new proposals.

It was agreed that that there could be a general call for research proposals following the Strategy 2010 publication, for research that falls within the remit of the Strategy. Suitable proposals that look as if they would inform the work of the RGSB could then be peer reviewed and recommended to RGF to consider for funding in 2011/12.

## **10 A.O.B.**

### **CNWL Annual Conference**

The Board was informed that the CNWL National Problem Gambling Clinic will hold its first Annual Conference on 6 December 2010 at the Royal Society for Medicine.

Board members were requested to seek authorisation from the office before attending any meetings other than Board or Panel meetings.

The Board was informed that JN has been asked to chair the Behaviour Change sub-committee of Science and Technology of the House of Lords, which will enable cross-reference of evidence.

The Board was informed that a meeting had been held with the Local Authorities Casino Network regarding new casino areas impact study development. This will be discussed by the Research Panel.