

**GBG Members Teams Meeting held on
Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 11.00 pm**

		<u>ACTIONS</u>
1	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>PH welcomed everyone to the GBG Members meeting. A list of attendees is shown in Appendix 1.</p> <p>There were no conflicts of interest.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters brought forward from the last meeting – 16th April 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions from the last meeting have been dealt with. No actions were outstanding, and no matters were brought forward. • ARE Expo – GBG has agreed to support AREE 2026 and to build on the success of this year’s event. There will once again be a strong focus on engagement with Local Authorities. While the date is yet to be confirmed, it is currently expected to take place in mid-April. 	
3.	<p><u>Gambling Act Review update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS provided an overview of the update that Millie Dyer, Head of Gambling Policy at DCMS, provided at the GBG Board meeting. . • Baroness Twycross is undertaking a series of visits over the summer, including GBG member’s premises. • The Minister and DCMS are aware of the APPG on Gambling Reform, the Gambling with Lives campaign, and the signatories of the Brent letter. • DCMS has received and reviewed GBG’s response to the Brent letter. • GBG will be attending a session with Iain Duncan Smith, Chair of the APPG for Gambling Reform, and other MPs on 15th July. • GBG has also shared our Brent response letter with the Social Market Foundation, which is working closely with Brent on the proposal for additional powers for Local Authorities. • Kieran Sull, former Head of Land-Based Gambling, has moved to another role within DCMS. • His replacement is Helena, who has previous experience in the Gambling team. Further updates on the team structure are expected. • Concerns persist within the APPGGR and others around the 80/20 rule. It was noted (from comments by the DCMS) that without 	

	<p>progress from the industry—particularly around self-exclusion—further regulation by the Gambling Commission is likely.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent events in Portsmouth have brought new attention to the levels of player safety in AGCs. • The Bingo & FEC Consultation will not be published before the Parliamentary recess and may only be released after the Party Conferences in September. • Nick Rust is stepping down as Chair of the Industry Forum. • PH has suggested to DCMS that the industry should have input into the appointment of the new Industry Forum Chair, rather than the position being appointed solely by the Gambling Commission. • A PQ on (increasing) Local Authority powers was raised yesterday; Stephanie Peacock will consider these powers as outlined in the White Paper, subject to parliamentary scheduling. • Dawn Butler has requested a review of gambling permissions (the aim to permit). • Don Foster raised a PQ on self-exclusion. • GMTS is back with the GC. No updates are expected until at least October. 	
4.	<p>Improving the Reputation of the Industry (including the anti-AGC campaign)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBG is developing a Player Safety Code to support its Responsible Gambling Charter, to help operators enhance player protections. • The first project under this initiative will be the introduction of Facial Recognition technology for self-exclusion enforcement. Importantly, it is expected that facial data will not be stored on-site, ensuring venues are not responsible for holding sensitive personal data. • Members who are interested in joining the Working Group for this initiative are encouraged to contact PH. • The Player Safety Code is intended to be a growing framework, with new elements added over time as the industry improves its capacity for self-regulation and improved protection of vulnerable players. • BACTA has allocated a significant budget to support the PR response to the ongoing anti-AGC campaign. GBG will offer support where appropriate. • GBG has also created a Fact Sheet covering key information about machines, AGCs, and venues, and other gambling statistics. This will be circulated shortly to help combat widespread misinformation. 	Action PH/CM
5.	<p>GBG Strategy update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GBG quarterly update on the Strategy was discussed with the Board and will be circulated alongside the Minutes. • PH highlighted the upcoming IoL training days, scheduled for the end of November, and encouraged any members interested in participating in those sessions to contact CM. 	Action AF

6.	<p>Responsible Gambling Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IoL has formally endorsed GBG’s Responsible Gambling Charter. GBG will work closely with the IOL to raise the Charter’s profile among Licensing Authorities, including at the IoL’s national training event • GBG will provide Members with a simple reporting template to demonstrate how they are meeting the principles of the Charter. Updates on compliance will be shared with the Board on an ongoing basis. • PH and CM met with the new CEO of the IoL, who expressed a strong interest in closer collaboration between local licensing officers and the industry, and confirmed the IoL’s commitment to supporting GBG’s work. 	Action CM
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short Members' survey focused on communications will be circulated over the summer. We are seeking input and feedback to help us improve our engagement with members. • GBG is in the process of updating our contact database to ensure all Members are included in the appropriate mailing groups and receive relevant communications. • Chapter 7 of the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (APMS) Survey of Mental Health & Wellbeing, England (2023/24)Chapter 7 of this report focuses on gambling behaviour. 	Action CM
8.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next Teams meeting is <u>Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 at 11.00 am</u>. AF will send out a calendar invite. Due to the high level of activity, a meeting may be held beforehand.</p>	Action AF

The meeting finished at 1135

APPENDIX 1

List of attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Company
Peter	Hannibal	GBG (Chair)
Steve	Sharp	GBG
Amanda	Fry	GBG
Charlotte	Meller	GBG
Howard	Gant	Boomerang Digital
James	Armstrong	Boomerang Digital
Michael	Douglas	Buzz Bingo
Sam	Moore	Buzz Bingo
Andrea	Rushworth	Crown Leisure
Jonathan	Sanders	Evoke Plc/William Hill
Graham	Glanfield	Game Nation
Andy	Sessions	Game Nation
Tim	Stratton	Game Payment Technology
Reece	Hatherell	Genesis Games
Mark	Edmundson	GeWeTe
Aristidis	Tsikouras	GeWeTe
Nigel	Davis	GeWeTe
Jason	Lockwood	Greene King
Debbie	Bollard	Hough & Bollard
Sharon	White	IGT
Thomas	Trabi	IGT
Roz	Sage	Inseinc
Martin	Quinn	Inseinc
Chris	Bower	ITL
Anthony	Denby	Leisure Electronics
Vicky	Spicer	Light & Wonder
Paul	Weston	Link4pay
Paul	Monkman	Luxury Leisure
Martin	Beard	Novomatic
Nigel	Kelly	Novomatic
Gerwyn	Griffiths	Novomatic
Vince	Bateson	Paddy Power
Imogen	Moss	Poppleston Allen
Tracy	Baitup	Roadchef
Brian	Jameson	Roadchef