



GBG NEWSLETTER - 20TH APRIL 2023

WHITE PAPER UPDATE

The GBG met with the DCMS land-based lead official on 19 April who advised that there were still a few hurdles to overcome and would not be drawn to comment on press speculation about potential publication dates. Local elections are not an issue for the White Paper process. He also advised that the timescales for the DCMS Select Committee Inquiry are likely to be impacted by the delays to the White Paper.

DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE GAMBLING COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION

The GBG has produced a draft response to the Commission's current consultation on changes to the LCCP regarding multi operator self exclusion, notification of deaths by suicide and a technical update relating to payment services. This document can be accessed via the members area of the GBG Website. We would welcome any comments by the **end of April** and if any members are responding individually, we would welcome sight of your draft response

CLARION MEETING ABOUT ICE

We held a very positive debrief session with Clarion about the GBG Hub at ICE 2023 - they agreed with the feedback that we had received about the Hub— particularly that it created a networking and meeting base for land based stakeholders; it raised the profile and reputation of land based gambling; the stand was well attended and presentations well received; the location worked well i.e. quieter end of Excel and adjoined to the café/bar. Furthermore Clarion advised that they have requests from other exhibitors to be located near the GBG Hub next year!

Over the next couple of months Clarion will be holding its own internal planning meetings about ICE 2024 and we will meet again after that but both parties are keen for the GBG Hub to feature next year and for the arrangements to be finalised as soon as possible so that we can build on the success of 2023. Thank you again for all those who were involved this year.

REGULATORY REFORM GROUP

Peter attended the launch of [The Purpose of Regulation](#) in Westminster this week, which is a new report from the Regulatory Reform Group (RRG) that identifies a number of issues with the UK's regulators falling into four main categories:

- a lack of strategic direction to and by the regulators;
 - strained regulatory relationships - both between industry and regulators, and between regulators themselves;
 - incomplete lines of accountability around the objectives set for regulators and the measurement of regulatory performance, and;
 - the need to build up greater skills and knowledge within regulators and support them with sufficient resourcing.
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The report's 6 x recommendations include a dedicated 'Office for Oversight of Regulators' in the Cabinet Office, and a new accountability framework to establish a standardised set of metrics to measure regulators' performance. We will continue to engage with the RRG.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - NEW UNITARIES

A local government reorganisation took effect on 1 April 2023 resulting in the creation of 4 new large unitary authorities, replacing a number of separate, district and county level authorities replaced by new larger unitary ones.

1. [Cumberland Council](#) (replacing Allerdale, Carlisle, Copeland)
2. [Westmorland and Furness Council](#) (replacing Barrow, Eden and South Lakeland)
3. [North Yorkshire Council](#) (replacing Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough, Selby)
4. [Somerset Council](#) (replacing Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West & Taunton, South Somerset)

Please note that each of these new Councils have a gambling section on their website and signpost the previous respective districts' Statements of Policy (except for Somerset which doesn't carry any policies), which are likely to remain in force until the new unitary Council Statement is consulted on and published.

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