GBG NEWSLETTER - 19TH JUNE 2024



MEETING WITH DCMS

GBG Exec had its monthly catch up with the land-based gambling team at DCMS today. Understandably they are very much in limbo but are scenario planning for all potential outcomes from BAU, to new Ministers through to gambling going to health with a complete re-set for the Gambling Review.

CASHLESS TECHNICAL DISCUSSION - 10TH JULY

We are delighted with the interest in our face-to-face session to discuss the technical challenges, practicalities and potential issues that appear to be hardwired into the current cashless proposals from the DCMS.

As previously advised, members of the GBG machine group have the technical expertise and knowledge to identify where there are solutions and what they are and set out the case if there aren't. We will then take this information to the Cross Industry Cashless Group for their understanding and agreement for the next steps in terms of raising the issues with the new government and perhaps the regulator.

Please contact Amanda <u>amanda@gamblingbusinessgroup.co.uk</u> if you have knowledge/information/expertise to contribute to the debate being held on 10th July at Lolas, the Hippodrome, Leicester Square, London. If your name is not on the list, you won't get in!!

IOL ENGAGEMENT

An article about LAs attending GBG's High Street Hub at ICE this year features in the Spring edition of the IOL's LINK magazine. See pages 20-23 for the article "UK licensing officers gain insight to how the gaming industry is stepping up its commitment to advancing SR, customer care and compliance innovations" by Charlotte Meller, GBG and Ken Scott, Coinslot.

GBG has a standing invite to submit land-based gambling articles for the IOL magazines – please get in touch with Charlotte if you are interested in featuring in a future publication.

Separately, the IOL has taken the decision to postpone its Gambling Conference due to take place 16th July 2024 due to the implications of the forthcoming election. GBG Exec and its members look forward to being involved again when the event is rescheduled.

GBG WEBSITE CHANGES

We carry out regular reviews of the GBG website to ensure that it is up to date with no broken links etc. We recently added a new section promoting the <u>GBG Technical Protocols and Standards</u>, and ensured that all content, including Members' logos, is protected and cannot be copied.

Minutes and papers from GBG meetings along with responses to consultations can be found in the Members' Area of the <u>GBG website</u>. If you have yet to register for access, click on the "Members Area" box in the top right-hand corner of the website and follow the instructions to register, which is sent to Amanda who will then approve your registration and access.

The Members' Area of the website is also home for the many GBG produced

Technical Standards and Protocols. Please note that the only the most current versions of the Standards are hosted there with earlier versions available via the GBG Technical Group's dropbox facility. Please contact Amanda if you need access to earlier versions.

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