

# AGENDA

## RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Location** RL HQ, House of Sport,  
Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11  
3FF (Parking in Blue Car Park, M11 2DU)

**Date & Time** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023,  
1000hrs until 1500hrs

**Present** Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Robert Hicks,  
Sandy Lindsay, Rimla Akhtar and Cherrie  
Daley.

**Chair** Simon Johnson

**Observers** Ed Mallaburn (IMG) and Jamie Jones-  
Buchanan.

**In attendance** Rob Graham, Prof Ben Jones, Dr Dave  
Rotheram, Rhodri Jones, Alison O'Brien,  
Victoria Sinacola, Marc Lovering.

Item No	Agenda Item		Who	Timing
1.0		<b>Apologies</b>		
2.0		<b>Declarations of Interest</b>		
3.0		<b>Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker</b>	Simon Johnson	
	3.1	<i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 5 September 2023</i>		
	3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 5 September 2023</i>		
4.0		<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>	All	

## Items for Discussion/Decision

5.0		<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>5.1 receive an update on the latest RFL 2023 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn; and</p> <p>5.2 receive and if thought appropriate to approve the 2024 Budget.</p> <p><i>Paper attached and presentation on the day.</i></p> <p><b>ITEM 5.1 FOR DISCUSSION</b> <b>ITEM 5.2 FOR DECISION</b></p>	Rob Graham / All Executive	90 min
6.0		<p><b>Concussive &amp; Sub-Concussive Impacts</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and if thought appropriate approve the recommendations on player load, education, regulation, and laws as proposed by the:</p> <p>6.1 Brain Health Sub-Committee; and</p> <p>6.2 Laws Committee.</p> <p><i>Paper (x2) and Presentation attached.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DECISION</b></p>	Prof Ben Jones / Laura Fairbank / Robert Hicks / Dr Dave Rotheram	90 min
7.0		<p><b>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update from RL Commercial on 2023 and plans for 2024.</p> <p><i>Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DISCUSSION</b></p>	Rhodri Jones	30 min
8.0		<p><b>Grading</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update on the initial findings from the Club Grading process in 2023 and to discuss how these findings will be reviewed and will inform any changes for 2024.</p> <p><i>Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DISCUSSION</b></p>	Tony Sutton / Alison O'Brien	30 min

## Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

9.0		<b>Chief Executive Officer's Report</b> <i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i>		
10.0		<b>Operations &amp; Legal Report</b> <i>Paper by Robert Hicks.</i>		
11.0		<b>Operational Plan &amp; Insight Report</b> <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i>		
12.0		<b>Finance, Facilities &amp; Central Services Report</b> <i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i>		
13.0		<b>Performance, Development &amp; Match Officials Report</b> <i>Paper by Dave Rotheram &amp; Marc Lovering.</i>		
14.0		<b>People &amp; Culture Report</b> <i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i>		
		<b>Other</b>		
15.0		<b>Litigation</b> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation.</p> <i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i>		
16.0		<b>Rugby League World Cup &amp; RL Commercial</b> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the minutes of Rugby League World Cup 2021 Ltd and RL Commercial Board meetings within the period.</p> <i>None in this period.</i>		

17.0		<b>Board Sub-Committee Minutes</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to receive minutes and/or Chair reports from any Sub-Committee meetings or Club meetings held within the period.  <i>Audit &amp; Risk Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> July (Minutes); 1 November (Verbal Update)</i> <i>Remuneration Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> September (Minutes)</i> <i>Community Board – 20<sup>th</sup> September (Minutes)</i> <i>Brain Health Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> September (Minutes); 9<sup>th</sup> October (Minutes)</i> <i>Clinical Advisory Group – 21<sup>st</sup> August (Minutes)</i> <i>Inclusion Board – 31<sup>st</sup> August (Minutes)</i> <i>Laws Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> November (Minutes)</i>		
18.0		<b>Risks</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.		
19.0		<b>Any Other Business</b>		
20.0		<b>Date of Next Meeting – TBC January 2024</b>		