



AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location Boardroom, RL HQ, Rowsley Street,
Manchester, M11 3FF.

Date & Time Tuesday 3 December 2024,
1000hrs until 1500hrs

Present Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Sandy Lindsay,
Cherrie Daley and Julia Newton.

Chair Simon Johnson

Observers Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Ed Mallaburn

In attendance

Item No	Agenda Item	Who	Timing
1.0	Apologies – None.		
2.0	Declarations of Interest		
3.0	Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker 3.1 <i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 17 September 2024</i> 3.2 <i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 17 September 2024</i>	Simon Johnson	
4.0	Matters Arising from Minutes	All	
Items for Discussion/Decision			
5.0	Financial & Facilities Matters The purpose of this agenda item is to: 5.1 receive an update on the 2024 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn; 5.2 receive and review the long-term cash flow forecast; and 5.3 discuss and approve the 2025 budget, including the business case for education investment. <i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION	Robert Graham	60 min

6.0		<p>Club Grading Criteria - 2025</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to share recommendations for changes to the Club Grading Criteria model for 2025.</p> <p><i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Alison O'Brien	20 min
7.0		<p>Brain Health & Medical Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on data and insight for the 2024 season.</p> <p><i>Presentation circulated in advance</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Dane Vishnubala	30 min
8.0		<p>Sport England Talent funding</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the application to Sport England for the upcoming Talent funding cycle – 2025 to 2029.</p> <p><i>Presentation circulated in advance</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Marc Lovering	30 min
9.0		<p>People Plan</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on progress made on the 2024 People Plan and update on next iteration of the plan for 2025.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Victoria Sinacola	20 min
10.0		<p>Laws of the Game – updates for 2025</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) proposed changes to the Laws of the Game for 2025 and; ii) proposed changes to the On Field sanction framework for 2025. <p><i>Paper circulated in advance</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION</p>	Phil Bentham	20 min

11.0	11.1	<p>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>Provide an update on RL Commercial Matters.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance.</i></p>	Rhodri Jones	30 min
12.0		<p>Roll of Honour & Presidents Award</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider, and if thought appropriate, approve the nominations to the RFL Roll of Honour and for the RFL Presidents Award.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DECISION</p>	Tony Sutton	15 min

Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

13.0		<p>Chief Executive Officer's Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i></p>		
14.0		<p>Operations & Legal Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Department Heads.</i></p>		
15.0		<p>Operational Plan & Insight Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i></p>		
16.0		<p>Finance, Facilities & Central Services Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i></p>		
17.0		<p>Talent & Performance Report</p> <p>i) To include an update on the 2025 Ashes Series planning</p> <p><i>Paper by Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
18.0		<p>Development & Participation Report</p> <p><i>Report by Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
19.0		<p>Match Officials Report</p> <p><i>Report by Phil Bentham.</i></p>		
20.0		<p>People & Culture Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i></p>		
Other				
21.0		<p>Litigation Report</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation.</p> <p><i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i></p>		
22.0		<p>Rugby League World Cup & RL Commercial</p> <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>		
23.0		<p>Board Sub-Committee Minutes</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Laws Committee – 25 September</i> <i>Brain Health Committee – 26 September</i> <i>Performance & Coaching Sub-Committee – 6 November (verbal)</i> <i>Community Board – 27 November (verbal)</i></p>		
24.0		<p>Risks</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.</p>		
25.0		Any Other Business		
26.0		Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4 February 2025		