



# AGENDA

## RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Location** Salford City Roosters RLFC, Hallsworth Road, Eccles, Salford, M30 7LS **Date & Time** Tuesday 17 September 2024, 1000hrs until 1500hrs

**Present** Simon Johnson, Tony Sutton, Robert Hicks, Sandy Lindsay, Cherrie Daley and Julia Newton. **Chair** Simon Johnson

**Observers** Jamie Jones-Buchanan and Ed Mallaburn

**In attendance** Alison O'Brien, Marc Lovering, Robert Graham, Rhodri Jones and Tom Brindle

Item No	Agenda Item		Who	Timing
1.0		<b>Apologies – None.</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 – 9 July 2024</i>		
	3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 9 July 2024</i>		
4.0		<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>	All	
<b>Items for Discussion/Decision</b>				
5.0		<b>Financial &amp; Facilities Matters</b>		
		The purpose of this agenda item is to:		
	5.1	receive an update on the 2024 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn;	Robert Graham	60 min
	5.2	discuss budget principles for 2025; and		
	5.3	consider the RFL's approach to risk management.		
		<i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i>		
		<b>FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION</b>		

6.0		<b>Grading Update</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on progress of the 2024 Club Grading process and to share suggestions for changes to the Club Grading model for 2025.  <i>Paper attached and discussion on the day.</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Alison O'Brien	20 min
7.0		<b>Brain Health &amp; Medical Matters</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on data and insight to date for the 2024 season.  <i>Presentation circulated in advance</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks	30 min
8.0		<b>Wheelchair Rugby League</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on Wheelchair RL including a proposal for a new wheelchair competition.  <i>Presentation circulated in advance</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Marc Lovering	20 min
9.0		<b>Women's Rugby League</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the 2024 Women's Super League season and update on next iteration of Women's RL strategy.  <i>Presentation circulated in advance</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Marc Lovering / Tom Brindle	40 min
10.0		<b>Community Update</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the 2024 mid-year participation figures and Sport England contractual reporting outcomes.  <i>Presentation on the day.</i>  <i>The Mid-Year 'More Than a Sport Community RL Update attached and Presentation circulated in advance</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Marc Lovering	30 min

11.0		<b>League One New Club Application &amp; Structure</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to:  11.1 provide the Board with an update on the application process for a new Club to be admitted into League One for 2025 and if thought appropriate, for the Board to recommend approval to the RFL Council for the successful Club to be accepted for membership, and 11.2 consider the complete competition pyramid, including promotion and relegation between Tiers 3 and 4  <i>Paper circulated in advance</i>  <b>FOR DECISION</b>	Tony Sutton / Marc Lovering	30 min
12.0		<b>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to:  12.1 receive an update from RL Commercial on 2024 to date and season planning for 2025. 12.2 discuss SL club letter relating to the governance of RL Commercial  <i>Item 12.1 Paper attached; Item 12.2 SLE Club Letter attached.</i>  <b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Rhodri Jones	30 min
13.0		<b>RFL Governance – Council Representation, Chair Extension &amp; Succession</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to:  13.1 discuss and if thought appropriate recommend changes to Council for the make-up of Council and the appointment of the Vice-President and President; 13.2 receive an update from the Nominations Committee on the process for appointing a new Chair of the RFL; and 13.3 considering an extension to the current Chair's term until December 2026  <i>Item 13.1 Paper in advance; Item 13.2 and 13.3 Discussion on the day.</i>  <b>ITEM 13.1 FOR DECISION; ITEM 13.2 AND 13.3 FOR DISCUSSION</b>	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks / Sandy Lindsay	30 min
14.0		<b>Hall of Fame</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to consider, and if thought appropriate, approve the nominations to the RFL Hall of Fame.  <i>Paper as previously circulated.</i>  <b>FOR FORMAL APPROVAL</b>	Tony Sutton	5 min

## Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

15.0		<b>Chief Executive Officer's Report</b> <i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i>		
16.0		<b>Operations &amp; Legal Report</b> <i>Paper by Robert Hicks.</i>		
17.0		<b>Operational Plan &amp; Insight Report</b> <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i>		
18.0		<b>Finance, Facilities &amp; Central Services Report</b> <i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i>		
19.0		<b>Talent &amp; Performance Report</b> <i>Paper by Marc Lovering.</i>		
20.0		<b>Development &amp; Participation Report</b> <i>Report by Marc Lovering.</i>		
21.0		<b>Match Officials Report</b> <i>Report by Robert Hicks.</i>		
22.0		<b>People &amp; Culture Report</b> <i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i>		
Other				
23.0		<b>Litigation Report</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>		
24.0		<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>		

25.0		<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>Clinical Advisory Group – 19 August 2024 (Draft Minutes)</i> <i>Remuneration Committee – 22 July 2024 (Draft Minutes)</i> <i>Performance &amp; Coaching Sub-Committee – 1 May 2024 and 16 August 2024 (Draft Minutes)</i>		
26.0		<b>Risks</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.		
27.0		<b>Any Other Business</b>		
28.0		<b>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3 December 2024</b>		