



AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Date & Time Wednesday 9 July 2024,
1000hrs until 1500hrs

Dinner Tuesday 8 July 2024,
1900hrs until 2200hrs

Dinner: Sandy Lindsay's home, The
Oaklands, 42 Moss Lane, Sale, M33 6GD.

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
part).

In attendance Robert Graham, Paul Medley, Rhodri Jones
and Michelle Maple.

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	Simon Johnson	
	3.1 <i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 22 May 2024</i> 3.2 <i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 22 May 2024</i>		
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 review and if thought appropriate approve the 2023 year end audited accounts; 5.2 receive an update on the 2024 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn; and 5.3 receive an update on the proposed sale of Odsal Stadium and if thought appropriate agree the executive recommendation to approve the sale, subject to Council discussion. <i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION	Robert Graham	45 min

6.0		<p>People Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to consider the results of the staff survey and review any potential findings and recommendations.</p> <p><i>Paper and Survey Results circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Victoria Sinacola	20 min
7.0		<p>Brain Health & Medical Matters</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the up-to-date data and insight into the 2024 season and review the initial recommendations from the Laws Committee and Brain Health Sub-Committee</p> <p><i>Paper and presentation circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks	40 min
8.0		<p>Big Ask & National Facilities Strategy</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on the conversations and policy behind on the National Facilities Strategy and the Sports Survival Fund Loan programme.</p> <p><i>Presentation circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Tony Sutton / Marc Lovering	45 min
9.0		<p>Anti-Doping in Rugby League</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the sport's operational plan to combat doping in the sport and consider what research possibilities are available to assist with insight in to this area.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Robert Hicks	15 min
10.0	10.1 10.2	<p>RL Commercial Managing Director Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to:</p> <p>10.1 receive an update from RL Commercial on plans for 2024. 10.2 discuss RFL relations with RL Commercial.</p> <p><i>Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Rhodri Jones	30 min

Chief Executive Officer & Executive Reports

11.0		<p>Chief Executive Officer's Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i></p>		
12.0		<p>Operations & Legal Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Hicks.</i></p>		
13.0		<p>Operational Plan & Insight Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i></p>		
14.0		<p>Finance, Facilities & Central Services Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i></p>		
15.0		<p>Talent & Performance Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
16.0		<p>Development & Participation Report</p> <p><i>Report by Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
17.0		<p>Match Officials Report</p> <p><i>Report by Robert Hicks.</i></p>		
18.0		<p>People & Culture Report</p> <p><i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i></p>		
		Other		
19.0		<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>		
20.0		<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> <p><i>21 February 2024 – Minutes</i> <i>7 June 2024 – Verbal Update</i></p>		

21.0		<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>Inclusion Board – 16 May 2024 (Minutes)</i> <i>Clinical Advisory Group – 3 June 2024 (Minutes)</i> <i>Laws Committee – 12 June 2024 (Verbal Update)</i> <i>Audit & Risk Committee – 25 June 2024 (Verbal Update)</i> <i>England Performance Unit – 20 June 2024 (Verbal Update)</i></p>		
22.0		<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>		
23.0		<p>Any Other Business</p>		
24.0		<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 17 September 2024</p>		