



# 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 22 May 2024,  
1000hrs until 1500hrs

**Dinner** Tuesday 21 May 2024,  
1900hrs until 2200hrs

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

**Chair** Simon Johnson

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

**In attendance** Robert Graham, Alison O'Brien, Ben Jones,  
Dane Vishnubala, Paul Medley, Rhodri Jones  
and Michelle Maple

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> 3.1 <i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 12 March 2024</i> 3.2 <i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 12 March 2024</i>	Simon Johnson	
4.0	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>	All	
<b>Items for Discussion/Decision</b>			
5.0	<b>Appointment of the New Non-Executive Director</b>  The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the appointment of the New Non-Executive Director as recommended by the Nominations Committee.  <b>FOR DECISION</b>	Simon Johnson	10 min

6.0		<p><b>Financial &amp; Facilities Matters</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to</p> <p>6.1 receive an update on the 2024 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn;</p> <p>6.2 discuss and if thought appropriate, approve the Reserves Policy; and</p> <p>6.3 receive an update on the proposed sale of Odsal Stadium.</p> <p><i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION (for item 6.2 only)</b></p>	Robert Graham	45 min
7.0		<p><b>Brain Health &amp; Medical Matters</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on:</p> <p>7.1 the ongoing research work to review the practical implementation of the brain health regulations;</p> <p>7.2 to consider renewing areas of research from 2025;</p> <p>7.3 clinical governance findings of the CMO.</p> <p><i>Presentation circulated in advance.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DISCUSSION</b></p>	Robert Hicks / Ben Jones / Dane Vishnubala	45 min
8.0		<p><b>Academy Licencing 2025 - 2027</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and if thought appropriate approve the recommendations to award licences until the end of the 2027 season.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DECISION</b></p>	Paul Medley	15 min
9.0		<p><b>Club Grading Criteria 2024</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the process being undertaken by the Executive for 2024 and to consider in detail the Facilities Audit in 2024.</p> <p><i>Presentation circulated in advance.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DISCUSSION</b></p>	Alison O'Brien	45 min
10.0		<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss:</p> <p>10.1 changes to representation and membership at Council, how the Vice President is elected and the Articles of Association;</p> <p>10.2 relations between the RFL and RLC Boards; and</p> <p>10.3 findings from the recent internal Board evaluation survey.</p> <p><i>Paper circulated in advance for item 10.1 &amp; item 10.3; and discussion on the day for item 10.2.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DECISION AND DISCUSSION</b></p>	Tony Sutton / Robert Hicks	45 min

11.0		<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 plans for 2024.</p> <p><i>Presentation on the day.</i></p> <p><b>FOR DISCUSSION</b></p>	Rhodri Jones	30 min
<b>Chief Executive Officer &amp; Executive Reports</b>				
12.0		<p><b>Chief Executive Officer's Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i></p>		
13.0		<p><b>Operations &amp; Legal Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Hicks.</i></p>		
14.0		<p><b>Operational Plan &amp; Insight Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i></p>		
15.0		<p><b>Finance, Facilities &amp; Central Services Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i></p>		
16.0		<p><b>Performance Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Marc Lovering.</i></p>		
17.0		<p><b>Development Report</b></p> <p><i>Report by Marc Lovering</i></p>		
18.0		<p><b>Match Officials Report</b></p> <p><i>Report by Robert Hicks</i></p>		
19.0		<p><b>People &amp; Culture Report</b></p> <p><i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i></p>		
		<b>Other</b>		
20.0		<p><b>Litigation Report</b></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>		

21.0		<p><b>Rugby League World Cup &amp; RL Commercial</b></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>There have been no meetings within the period.</i></p>		
22.0		<p><b>Board Sub-Committee Minutes</b></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>Community Board – 3 April 2024 (Verbal Update)</i>  <i>Performance Committee – 9 May 2024 (Verbal Update)</i></p>		
23.0		<p><b>Risks</b></p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.</p>		
24.0		<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>		
25.0		<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9 July 2024</b></p>		