

AGENDA

RFL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Location	Boardroom, RL HQ, House of Sport, Gate 13, Rowsley Street, Manchester, M11 3FF (Parking in Blue Car Park, M11 2DU)	Date & Time	6 May 2025, 1000hrs until 1500hrs
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Present	Tony Sutton, Rob Graham, Nigel Wood OBE, Martin Coyd OBE, Joanna Coates, Emma Rosewarne MBE, Dermot Power, Lord Jonathan Caine & Abi Ekoku	Chair	To be agreed for the meeting
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Observers	Jamie Jones-Buchanan MBE. Jo Drapier & Ed Mallaburn
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In attendance	Prof Ben Jones, Dr Dane Vishnubala, Richard Yates, Marc Lovering, Rhodri Jones, Laura Fairbank, Gavin Wild, Victoria Sinacola, Michelle Maple (minutes) & Alison O'Brien (Interim Company Secretary)
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Item No	Agenda Item		Who	Timing
1.0		Agreement of meeting Chair & apologies	All	5 mins
2.0		Declarations of Interest	Chair	5 mins
3.0		Minutes from the previous meeting and Action Tracker	Chair	15 mins
	3.1	<i>Draft Board Meeting minutes and summarised minutes – 4 February 2025</i>		
	3.2	<i>Action Tracker from the meeting – 4 February 2025</i>		
4.0		Matters Arising from Minutes	All	5 mins
Items for Discussion/Decision				
5.0		Financial & Facilities Matters	Robert Graham	30 min
		The purpose of this agenda item is to;		
	5.1	receive an update on the 2024 Management Accounts and Forecast Outturn, and to;		
	5.2	receive an update on Salford Red Devils.		
		<i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i>		
		FOR DISCUSSION		

6.0		<p>Brain Health Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to update the Board on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) ongoing legal case in this area, and ii) research, knowledge and its continued application. <p><i>Papers attached and presentation on the day.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Prof Ben Jones, Dr Dane Vishnubala & Richard Yates	30 min
7.0		<p>Development Update</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the Community Rugby League 'More Than a Sport' Report 2024.</p> <p><i>More Than a Sport Report- 2024 attached.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION</p>	Marc Lovering	30 min
8.0		<p>Board Governance & Succession</p> <p>The purpose of this agenda item is to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Confirm the position for the co-opting of Board members; ii) Receive and confirm the Sport England Board Observer role description; iii) Receive an update on executive director appointments; iv) Receive and confirm the appointment for Senior Independent Non-Executive Director; v) Receive and confirm the appointment for Nominations Committee; vi) Receive and confirmation independence per the Code for Sports Governance for each Non-executive Director, and to; vii) Receive and confirm if applicable, the appointments for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Board Welfare & Safety Lead (to include safeguarding & UKAD) — Nominations Committee Chair — Audit & Risk Committee Chair — Remuneration Committee Chair — Inclusion Board Chair — Community Board Chair — Performance Committee — RL Commercial (RFL Board appointees) viii) Receive and confirm the process for the appointment of Chair and Independent Non-Executive Directors, post July Council meeting. <p><i>Paper circulated in advance.</i></p> <p>FOR DISCUSSION & DECISION</p>	Tony Sutton	60 min

9.0		RL Commercial Managing Director Update The purpose of this agenda item is to receive an update from RL Commercial. <i>Presentation on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Rhodri Jones	30 min
10.0		Operational Matters The purpose of this agenda item is to receive the annual Board Reports for On & Off Field misconduct and Welfare. <i>Reports circulated in advance.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Steve McCormack Laura Fairbank, Gavin Wild	20 min
11.0		Open Letter & RFL Review The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the open letter received, actions taken to date and planned response process. To also receive the annual Gender Pay Gap report. <i>Papers attached and discussion on the day.</i> FOR DISCUSSION	Victoria Sinacola	30 min
12.0		Chief Executive Officer's Report <i>Paper by Tony Sutton.</i>		
13.0		Operations & Legal Report <i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i>		
14.0		Operational Plan & Insight Report <i>Paper by Alison O'Brien.</i>		
15.0		Finance, Facilities & Central Services Report <i>Paper by Robert Graham.</i>		
16.0		Performance, Development & Match Officials Report <i>Paper by Marc Lovering.</i>		
17.0		People & Culture Report		

		<i>Paper by Victoria Sinacola.</i>		
		Other		
18.0		Litigation The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on existing or pending litigation. <i>Paper by Richard Yates.</i>		
19.0		Board Sub-Committee Minutes 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>Remuneration Committee – No meetings</i> <i>Performance Committee – 30th January 2025</i> <i>Audit & Risk Committee – 31st January 2025</i> <i>Brain Health Committee – 9th April 2025</i> <i>Nominations Committee – 5th February - 21st & 27th March 2025</i>		
20.0		Risks The purpose of this agenda item is to update the risk registers of any risks that arise from the meeting.		
21.0		Any Other Business		
22.0		Date of Next Meeting – TBC		