



## RFL COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIR SUMMARY – 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Community Game Colleagues,

Unfortunately, Sandy Lindsay was not able to join the Community Board on Wednesday afternoon at the last minute, so I stepped into the Chair and will provide the Community Board update.

The Community Board was presented with an update on the Brain Health recommendations work which has been undertaken by the Brain Health subcommittee and provided some initial feedback. This will be discussed and debated further at the upcoming RFL Council meeting before the RFL Board will make final decisions in November. The recommendations cover potential amendments in operations, onfield laws, medical and first aid and coaching support and extensive discussions took place following the presentation.

We were then joined by Darby Sladdin who is the RFL Volunteer and Social Impact Officer. He presented on the new Volunteer Strategy that has been created. The strategy comprises of four key areas of volunteer support (GROW, DEVELOP, VALUE, DIVERSIFY) and sets out our ambitions for volunteering. A roadmap for delivery, annual action plan and baseline measures underpin this strategy and provide the building blocks for success. A copy of the strategy can be found [HERE](#).

The Community Board received a summary of the “More than a Sport” Mid-Year Review for 2023 which provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the Development Team up to the end of August against the objectives set out in the Community Strategy. A copy of this review can be found [HERE](#).

The Community Board undertook a skills and competencies matrix which Kelly Barrett provided an update on. As mentioned in the June update it is our intention to refresh the Community Board in 2024 so that the Board is more representative of the Community Game which continues to evolve, and we consider the targets in the Community Strategy. We have three Board members standing down at the end of the year and we identified that we needed to recruit new members with experience in social offers, disability sports, women and girls and equality, diversity, and inclusion. An open and transparent recruit process will commence in November.

Finally, we received an update on Our League Active. The Community Board discussed the net revenue received and the costs to service the game which included increased insurance premiums and agreed that in 2024 the fees would increase by £1 per participant.

If anyone has any questions on the “More than a Sport Report” please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

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