

Westminster Media Forum policy conference:
The future for the betting and gaming industry in the UK
Timing: Morning, Monday, 13th May 2024
*****Taking Place Online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Stuart McMaster, Partner, Mishcon de Reya
- 9.05 **'The future of betting and gaming: serving the public and private interest'**
Professor Leighton Vaughan Williams, Director, Betting Research Unit, Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Options for the introduction of a statutory levy**
Proposed funding structure | Best practice for appropriate governance | Collaborative approaches to use of levy funding | Commitment to research, prevention and treatment (RPT) | Proportionality of levy rates
Kizzie Fenner, Senior Legal Counsel, 888 William Hill
Tony Kelly, Managing Director, RedCard
Professor Agnes Nairn, Co-Director, Bristol Hub for Gambling Harms Research
Nick Cook, Deputy Head of Public Affairs, People's Postcode Lottery
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **'Ensuring a safe transition to a statutory levy - priorities for beneficiaries, protecting the vulnerable, and improving messaging'**
Zöe Osmond, Chief Executive Officer, GambleAware
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Policy priorities for betting and gaming reform in the UK**
Ben Dean, Director, Sport and Gambling, Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Practicalities of proposed changes to licensing conditions and complaint resolution**
Relaxation of 80/20 machine rule | Updates to age-verification measures in land-based premises | Strengthening financial vulnerability checks | Implementation of a gambling ombudsman
Steve Kettleley, Partner, Wiggan
Richard Hayler, Managing Director, Independent Betting Adjudication Service
Ainslie Andrews, Director of Compliance, BetFred
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Implementation of updates to online consumption and game play**
Implementation of maximum stake limits | Proposed changes to game design and speed of play | Consent to direct marketing and communications | Impact of emerging technologies and AI
Rasmus Kjaergaard, Chief Executive Officer, Mindway AI
Philip James, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Regulatory priorities for the implementation of gambling reform**
Andrew Rhodes, Chief Executive Officer, Gambling Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Stuart McMaster, Partner, Mishcon de Reya
Thomas Howard, Westminster Media Forum