

Meeting Contact Report

Client: Policy and Regulatory Committee – UKVIA

Meeting: Tuesday 27th June 2023

Attendees: Ben Walker (JBP), Matthew Gillow (JBP), Jeannie Cameron (JCIC), Chris Aikens (RELX), Doug Mutter (VPZ), Anna Petrosyan (JTI), Eoin Dardis (JUUL), Stephen Little (BAT), John Dunne (UKVIA), Damien Bove (Adact), Andrej Kuttruf (Evapo), Katie Hughes (PMI), Stephen Rooney (IMPTOB)

Apologies: Victoria Hancock (IMPTOB)

Minutes

Introduction

Matthew Gillow welcomed attendees.

P&R meeting times

Matt mentioned that the P&R committee may be moving to the last Wednesday afternoon of every month and told attendees to email him there are any issues with this.

Positions documents

Matt told members that the positions document is currently with the JBP design team and that he will circulate this to the committee shortly. Matt thanked attendees for their help with feedback on this.

Youth Vaping - Select Committee appearance

Matt reminded members that John is appearing before the Health and Social Care Select Committee on Wednesday 28th June. He told attendees to let him know if they wished to attend this in-person.

John Dunne added that he expected it to be a fiery session and noted that he is the process of preparing for it. He encouraged members to attend in the public gallery.

COP 10 update

Matt noted that he had discussed COP 10 with Jeannie Cameron, BAT and PMI last week in Warsaw. He added that Jeannie and BAT had drafted out some letters for this, continued that a session for members would be set up in early July.

MHRA Stakeholder Meeting

John reminded attendees that the UKVIA meeting with MHRA would be taking place next week. Continued that discussion points had been circulated. Matt noted that a calendar invite for this would be sent by MHRA soon.

Eoin Dardis asked what the point of this meeting is. John noted that the UKVIA used to have quarterly meetings with the MHRA, and that this meeting is somewhat seeking to restart this cycle. Eoin asked if any details of the meeting with MHRA back in February could be released, John noted that they could not.

John noted that the MHRA could add discussion points to the current agenda and the UKVIA will update members if this happens.

July board meeting & Labour Party Engagement

Matt noted that the UKVIA board meeting would be taking place in late July. Added that JBP is keen to communicate its stakeholder engagement plan for the coming year at this meeting and that engagement with the Labour Party will be central to this. He continued that UKVIA is currently looking at building relationships with prospective Labour Parliamentary candidates, especially in constituencies with high smoking prevalence as well as with regional assembly candidates. Noted the importance of securing the future of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Vaping with Mark Pawsey MP retiring at the next general election. Matt encouraged attendees to provide feedback on the UKVIA's Labour Party engagement and noted that he is open to meetings to discuss this.

Eoin asked if it been considered whether this engagement, especially with those in the devolved assemblies would require extra resources. Noted that this may require a full policy review. John noted that this committee dictates engagement like but noted the importance of giving the wider membership a say in strategy.

Chris Aikens mentioned that the UKVIA should have some form of grievance procedure for the wider membership to say what they think and note what they are unhappy with. Matt added that it will be key to stress that members who are unsatisfied should contact JBP. Eoin stressed the importance of giving the membership a say in what is happening to avoid individuals feeling frozen out. Attendees then discussed how to discipline those who take criticism too far in the UKVIA industry WhatsApp group. Matt noted the importance of creating guidelines for this chat.

Matt added that he will be circulating a note regarding future political engagement in the coming days.

Forum

Matt told members that the forum is now scheduled for the 10th November and early bird tickets are now available. Added that he and Chris Lawrence are open to ideas for the forum.

With no other business, the meeting was brought to a close.

The meeting closed at 10:36.