

Greyhound Racing Ban Implementation Group

26th March 2026 – Microsoft Teams Meeting notes and action points

Members present

Dr Emily Blackwell (Chair) - Senior Lecturer in Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Bristol Veterinary School

Katie Bennison – Valley Greyhound Stadium

Scott Fryer – Battersea Dogs and Cats Home

Vanessa Waddon – Hope Rescue & Cut the Chase Coalition

Gareth Walters – Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)

Professor Tim Parkin - Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons representative

Richard Brankley – SIS Ltd representative

Dr Sam Gaines – RSPCA & Cut the Chase Coalition

Secretariat

Caitlin Doyle – Welsh Government Official

Welsh Government support

Kate Frawley – Senior Policy Manager – Greyhound Bill

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

- 1.1 Dr Emily Blackwell welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 Allan Dallimore and Sarah Carr sent their apologies.

2.0 Agreement of minutes and actions from November and December meetings

- 2.1 February meeting minutes were agreed. No amendments required.
- 2.2 Action points were reviewed:

Meeting	Action number	Notes	Status
February	Action 1	Dr Blackwell to add social/cultural impact considerations to rationale for independent economic impact assessment.	Ongoing
	Action 2	Dr Blackwell to identify target audiences for each recommendation.	Complete
	Action 3	Caitlin Doyle to add amendments/implications discussion to next agenda.	Complete
	Action 4	Caitlin Doyle to share amendments tabled/accepted after Stage 3.	Addressed during the meeting

3.0 Progress on actions and priorities

Social/Cultural impact

- 3.1 Katie Bennison will update on potential future uses of Valley Stadium after the Senedd elections and new Government formation.
- 3.2 Many Valley trainers have not completed the Bristol Vet School survey; Katie offered to support completion during her next visit.

Economic impact

- 3.3 Dr Blackwell shared information about WISERD as a possible provider of an economic impact assessment.
- 3.4 WG to consider re-inviting WISERD representatives to join the group.
Action 1: Caitlin Doyle to share WISERD information with Dr Blackwell and explore WG funding frameworks.
- 3.5 Discussions ongoing between Dr Blackwell and Allan Dallimore on commissioning an independent assessment.
- 3.6 Potential meeting suggested between Allan and Katie Bennison regarding future use of Valley Stadium.
- 3.7 Dr Blackwell will write again to GBGB to invite membership.
Action 2: Dr Blackwell to contact GBGB after judicial review outcome.

Welfare of greyhounds

- 3.8 Dr Gaines requested clarity from GBGB on rehoming capacity.
Action 3: Dr Blackwell to ask GBGB for this information.

Enforcement

- 3.9 No issues raised.

4.0 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- 4.1 Scott Fryer presented the draft MOU on confidential information-sharing between parties.
- 4.2 Further development will continue alongside implementation planning.
Action 4: All members to suggest organisations for possible inclusion in the MOU list.

5.0 Update on the Bill

- 5.1 Kate Frawley provided an update on the Bill's status.

6.0 Any other business

- 6.1 The pre-election period begins 8 April. Meetings may continue but without Welsh Government secretariat support. The Implementation Group can continue to carry out its duties during this period.
- 6.2 Future meeting dates will be confirmed after a new Government is formed in May.
- 6.3 The group's initial report will be sent to the incoming Minister once appointed; the Minister will formally respond after appointment.
- 6.4 The group formally thanked Jackie Price for her contributions and wished her well in retirement.

Actions log

Reference	Allocated to	Details
Action 1	Caitlin Doyle	Share WISERD information and explore WG funding frameworks.
Action 2	Dr Blackwell	Write to GBGB post-judicial review regarding IG membership.
Action 3	Dr Blackwell	Request details from GBGB on their rehoming capacity.
Action 4	All	Suggest organisations for inclusion in the MOU list.