03.05.2023 - Visit to Ascot Racecourse.

GC attendees - Marcus Boyle,
Horseracing lobby attendees –
Affordability/White Paper
Questions were raised over whether frictionless was genuinely technically possible. and Marcus explained our hope for checks to be done seamlessly where possible, and discussions had been ongoing with UK Finance and the ICO on access to data for frictionless checks that would not leave a mark on credit reports. We are not working from a blank slate on this. Marcus and outlined that a very small % of people would be affected by enhanced checks.
On the white paper, this is a start and there are a lot of gaps to fill in. Our advice has been followed in most areas but there is some difference in others. Government seems largely happy how it has landed.
Agreed further follow up on the white paper and related issues for racing would be mutually beneficial. BHA to follow up on arrangements.
Outline of Ascot
On Course Bookmakers
Marcus spoke to two on course bookmakers.
The bookmaker said that between races they can be very busy, and sometimes just don't' have the time to check every person's ID. He said that is important you can prove you were checking IDs through the day, but if one is missed, this should provide a bit of a defence against any regulatory action.

However, the second bookmaker we spoke to said they asked for ID from everyone who looked young enough. They also spoke about issues with cashless, including winnings being paid back onto a card, which banks will stop eventually.

Black Market

asked a question regarding the black market. replied that the ongoing debate around
how big the black market is and how many people would use it is not helpful. Similar to on financial
risk we have been doing a lot of work in the background on this.
recognised the complexity of prosecuting individuals who may be based overseas.

Integrity

Explained that integrity is central to horseracing and GB respected worldwide for their approach. asked whether there is an issue with GC resource and if that is preventing us using our criminal powers to prosecute individuals who seek to manipulate racing participants. Offered to host Andrew Rhodes and Marcus to demonstrate the work of the BHA's central integrity team.