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Press Statement – Sent on behalf of Edward Bentall, Chairman and Senior Steward of the National Greyhound Racing Club

NGRC Chairman announces resignation

The Chairman and Senior Steward of the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC), Edward Bentall has resigned from his position.

His decision follows last week's controversial board meeting of the British Greyhound Racing Board (BGRB) of which he is a member, which re-elected Lord Lipsey to the role of Chairman.

Commenting on his decision to resign Edward Bentall said:

"I will no longer sit on the BGRB Board. In my opinion it does not conduct its business according to recognised principles, instead allowing itself to be manipulated by outside interests. The re-election of Lord Lipsey was far from a unanimous decision and could not be considered to be a ringing endorsement of his Chairmanship. I would expect the conduct of the Chairman to be more measured going forward and take cognisance of all stakeholders represented on the Board."

Hazel Bentall, the Veterinary Steward of the NGRC, will take over the role of Chairman with immediate effect after a unanimous decision by the NGRC Board. Her first task will be to see the NGRC through a period of change for the greyhound industry, following the recent publication of Lord Donoughue's Review.

Commenting on her appointment, Edward Bentall added: "With the appointment of Hazel Bentall as the Chair of the NGRC, I expect the sport to leave it to the key stakeholders to implement Lord Donoughue's Review. This will ensure it can be best delivered in line with making the governance and regulation of the sport more efficient and effective".

He also made reference to the current NGRC employees:

"Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff at the NGRC. The team led by the CEO has worked unstintingly for the sport and deserve being acknowledged for the quality of their work, their professional approach and the many valuable initiatives they have undertaken in the past couple of years during a difficult period. The sport has unrivalled expertise and skill in regulation at the NGRC and it is imperative that this valuable asset of UK greyhound racing both in the office in London and those that work in the field is nurtured as the various recommendations in the Review are initiated."

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