



One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland

Terms of Reference

1. Role of the Group

The role of the **OGBDG** is to develop a proposal for One Governing Body for golf in Ireland, which is inclusive, modern, democratic and fit for purpose, and to present that proposal to the relevant Boards in the respective organisations. Subject to such a proposal being adopted by both Unions, some continuity would be desirable.

In particular, the Group should:

- 1.1 Consider the scope of a governing body that will support and govern the success and strength of golf in and from the island of Ireland.
- 1.2 Undertake all relevant consultation and research to inform its work and to hear from all relevant stakeholders.
- 1.3 Brief the Boards in the respective organisations frequently and in good time to allow those structures perform their governance and oversight roles.
- 1.4 Ensure that clubs, golfers and other stakeholders of the two organisations are consulted with, briefed and listened to so that they can make an informed decision on the proposal.
- 1.5 Include the press in briefings, issued jointly by both organisations, so that they are informed and in a position to comment constructively about the development.
- 1.6 Establish sub groups to assist in the consultation process and to commission external research on areas such as Property Assets, HR, Finance.
- 1.7 Design, document and assess the proposal to ensure that it is robust and fit for purpose.



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- 1.8 Prepare and manage an initial rolling budget for the likely cost of the process to include any likely sources of external funding.
- 1.9 Make a recommendation to the relevant Boards of the GUI and ILGU.
- 1.10 Decisions will be made by consensus.

2. Membership

Initially, the Group will comprise the Chief Executive of the GUI and two senior members of the GUI selected by the CE and the Chairman, CEO and one other member of the Board of the ILGU, selected from nominations of the Board made to the Chair. This composition may change as the process evolves. No agreement on alternates have been provided for but additional members may be added as skills and expertise needs to be added. Following decisions by the GUI and the ILGU Boards, the Chairman of the GUI and a member nominated by the ILGU Board will join the Group from 21st June 2016.

3. Meetings & attendance

The Group will meet at an agreed frequency for the first phase of the project. It may then define a different frequency, and may convene additional meetings as circumstances require.

All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting. No quorum has been set.

The Group may invite others to attend meetings to provide assistance and information as necessary.

The meetings will be facilitated by an independent facilitator, unless agreed otherwise by the Group members.
