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Manchester Junior Chess

Re: ECF Council Meeting Saturday 16th April 2016

To: all members of ECF Council; ECF Board; ECF Officers.

To: Members of MCF Council

It is with regret that I must give my apologies for the Council Meeting.

Manchester Junior Chess has a team in the EPSCA Girls Final in Manchester, on the same day. I am the Junior Organiser of the Manchester Chess Federation and I manage all the Manchester teams.

Manchester is also hosting the event, and I am the Controller.

Cancellation of our participation in this event would have left a lot of children very disappointed and would have detracted from the event. Similarly finding an alternative Controller for the day would be very difficult. I have decided that non-attendance at Council is the lesser of two evils.

I have advised MCF Council (as I am also their ECF Representative). I will continue to be fully briefed on the outcome and I provide below commentary on the Board as appropriate.

Julian Clissold
Non-Executive Director ECF

Commentary on Papers to Council, 16th April 2016

Finance: The most significant papers to Council are those related to Finance. The Board undertook a detailed and lengthy discussion regarding the two approaches. David Eustace and John Philpott are to be congratulated on assembling the information in such a user friendly format. I consider that the discussion was well informed, that a proper assessment of the potential risks attached to both approaches was clearly understood and the final recommendation was soundly based.

Governance: The Board established a Review Panel, chaired by Julie Denning. That group have now been superseded by the Governance Committee chaired by Robert Stern. They have systematically addressed the agenda set out for the ECF by the Governance review Commission. Not all matters have yet been finally dealt with but there has been considerable progress. My view is that the ECF has achieved a considerable level of progress in this area.