



Consultation on the use of a Legislative Reform Order to reform the administration of the Horserace Betting Levy

Rare Breeds Survival Trust Response

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) is the only national charity working to monitor, save and promote all UK native breeds of livestock. Formed in 1973 RBST has existed for 45 years, with HRH The Prince Of Wales as Patron. RBST created and continues to maintain the UK National Livestock Gene Bank, produces an annual Watchlist, and promotes British livestock breeds including native breeds of horses and ponies.

RBST supports the proposed LRO to transfer the responsibility for expenditure from the Horserace Betting Levy Board to the UK Gambling Commission and the Racing Authority.

This could more efficiently continue to deliver the statutory component of improvement relating to the wider public good for supporting native horses and ponies: *'the improvement of breeds'*.

RBST has already approached those involved including the British Horseracing Authority, to propose efficiencies and synergies by working together. This would help to deliver the outputs of this *'improvement of breeds'* component in relation to non-thoroughbred equine breeds, and it would likely result in reduced costs and increased outputs.

The UK's traditional native breeds are more than a symbol of the UK's national heritage, they are a national resource whose genetic potential, economic contribution and biodiversity contribute to *'the improvement of breeds'*.

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