



Attendees:

RFC:

Ron Gourlay
Bryan Stabler
Ray Booth
Sandra Clark
Jackie Evans
Steve Falk
Sue Hewett
Sohaib Naeem
Ged Roddy
Brian Tevreden
Michelle Curtis

STAR:

Ian Maynard
Roger Titford
Paula Martin

Meeting Report - Reading FC SMT – Thursday 16 August 2018 – Madejski Stadium

STAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Memorandum of Understanding re: Structured Dialogue meetings

It has been proposed that these SMT meetings are the forum for the Structured Dialogue between STAR and the club. STAR has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding for these meetings which follows the one used successfully by Fulham Supporters Trust and FFC. RFC will review to discuss at the next meeting so that all the management team can contribute.

2. General description of financial position

STAR sought an update in the light of the reported change of attitude of the Chinese government towards investment by its companies in the West. RFC stated that the club's position is secure. There is much investment in the Academy as well as the first team in order to drive the club forward and compete with clubs in the Championship that have larger crowds and those with parachute payments. RFC need to manage that within the Profit and

Sustainability test (FFP as it used to be called) which is challenging given the current mix of clubs in the Championship. Category 1 Academy status is helping keep RFC competitive with clubs with larger match day, sponsors and significant parachute payments. In the six years since the club was last in the PL the financial disparities between the PL and the EFL and between clubs in the Championship have grown considerably wider and RFC no longer benefits from parachute payments.

3. Fans Forum accessibility

STAR will be making the output of the Fans Forum with Paul Clement in September more accessible following previous discussions with RFC. This change means that a 10 point summary will be made public very shortly after the Forum. RFC requested to see the summary before publication. Both parties recognise that in the social media era it is no longer possible to regard the Forum as a wholly private event. STAR intends to audio-record the session but for internal use only – there is no intention to publish it.

4. Hall of Fame posters

STAR asked if the proposal to have posters of Hall of Fame inductees shown on the stadium concourses as previously agreed could be revived, RFC asked for the proposal to be resubmitted as there are plans for the concourses.

5. Kick It Out

STAR asked to be involved in any KIO initiative arising from the 25th anniversary this autumn. RFC to liaise with Ian Maynard.