

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' FEDERATION

FANS' BLUEPRINT FOR FOOTBALL

1 The strengthening of strong, independent, unified and co-ordinated governance of the game in England & Wales with appropriate co-ordination and co-operation between the Football Association, Football Association of Wales and the leagues.

2 Enhanced revenue sharing and redistribution to support the game, the development of football's playing and coaching infrastructure, improved grounds and other spectator facilities and to promote competition at all levels of the game.

3 Minimum standards of governance, administration and financial control for all clubs to be enforced by the governing body as a condition of membership and league entry, including an appropriately enforced and managed prospective "fit and proper person" test for all persons owning or directing a football club.

4 Clear and appropriately enforced standards of club governance and management to be introduced over a five year period covering ownership, financial and other management standards such as ground safety and development.

5 The approval by Parliament of a Sports Law granting governing bodies appropriate and sufficient authority to properly regulate and manage their sports subject to minimum standards of transparency and fairness having particular regard to the impact of competition and employment law on sport.

6 The development of clear guidance on the scope and decisions of independent appeals panels and commissions in consultation with supporters to prevent any recurrence of the decision of the FA appeals tribunal decision to permit the former Wimbledon FC to move to Milton Keynes.

7 The development of clear legally enforceable rules to prevent clubs selling or moving from grounds without the explicit prior agreement of their supporters and another ground being developed on a site acceptable to the fans of that club. Consultation on such moves shall be by properly supervised secret ballot after a period of debate and discussion amongst all stakeholders in the club including fans. Those eligible to vote and other matters associated with such consultation to be set out in an enforceable code of conduct covering proposed ground moves.

8 The Government to permit safe standing areas at stadia where clubs and their supporters so wish.

9 A reduction to constant fixture changes to suit television or policing.

10 Prior consultation with supporters on broadcasting contracts to ensure a fair deal for the match going fan and an end to TV “overkill”.

11 An end to bans on away fans and an increase in away ticket allocations.

12 A comprehensive review of the structure of all domestic league and cup competitions and the structure of the season involving supporters at every stage.

13 Consultation with supporters on the structure of all European and international club and national team competitions and how they relate to domestic competitions.

14 Involvement of supporters in initiatives to combat racism on the field and in the stands.

15 An end to discriminatory treatment of away supporters in terms of ticket prices and allocations in both domestic and international competitions and club levels.

16 The development of a regular TV free midweek evening with no live broadcast Premiership, Football League or Champions’ League games for midweek fixtures to encourage live attendance.

17 An end to the constant above inflation increase in ticket prices, particularly for lower priced tickets.

18 Discount ticket prices for younger and retired supporters with national standards on age criteria.

19 The development of disabled supporters’ facilities at all levels of the game including minimum standards.

20 Involvement of supporters in all policing and stewarding policies affecting them .

21 Encouragement and adequate funding of supporter organisation and involvement in the game at all levels.

The FSF national council has resolved that items 7,8,9,12, 13, 14,15 and 18 should be reviewed at the 2010 Fans’ Parliament with a view to updating and amendment.