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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB & THE LINCOLN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB FAN ADVISORY BOARD**

This Memorandum Of Understanding is a non-legally binding agreement formed to build upon the current & successful relationship developed between the Lincoln City Football Club & the Lincoln City FC Fan Advisory Board formerly known as the Lincoln City FC Supporters Board since the latter organisation's inception in April 2018.

The FAB agreed to operate above and beyond both the written terms of reference required by the government appointed Independent Regulator For Football and the minimum standards outlined within the UK Government's White Paper on club football governance issued in February 2023.

The FAB agrees & acknowledges that:

- The club is entering into this MOU in good faith based upon the relationship of trust developed between the two parties since April 2018
- It will not disclose any confidential information without the agreement of the club's Chair, Vice Chair or CEO.
- All members are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement with Lincoln City Football Club & adhere to a written code of conduct.
- Has an established efficient constituted structure in place for senior club personnel to engage in frequent discussions of important strategic issues with a group of supporters who are representative of the club's wide & diverse fanbase.
- Operates as an open, inclusive & non-discriminatory organisation.

The FAB recommends that we are informed & consulted (but not exclusively) by the club on the following higher level off-field strategic & financial matters:-

- The club's vision & objectives.
- Short, medium & long term business plans.
- A significant change of club ownership or control.
- Stadium plans & developments.
- VAR & Article 48.

A newly created Fans Share held by the Red Imps Community Trust (RICT) as a Community Benefit Society (CBS) and only being activated if the RICT / Fan Advisory Board considers it necessary on the following matters:

- Other forms of fan engagement
- Any proposals relating to heritage items
- Any major sponsorship deal for the club (eg stadium, stands, shirts etc) which fans might consider to be unethical or inappropriate in any other way
- Any major & continual operational matchday issues of concern to our fans

We would expect the club to provide FAB members with any relevant documents within reasonable time for consideration ahead of meetings.

Ideally meetings between FAB & senior club representatives including CEO & an EXCO member will be held on a bi-monthly basis or quarterly as a minimum requirement

Meetings will be seen as a two-way process with the club seeking the views of FAB members on various strategic business matters (non-football) & FAB members expected to raise fan related discussion items with the club's hierarchy.



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The FAB will be expected to act as a sounding board for the club by providing the views of the fanbase to the club's decision makers for consideration.

Minutes from the meeting will be approved by FAB members & published on our section of the club's website in a timely manner e.g. within fourteen days of the meeting whilst accounting for any confidential information provided by the club which may either be omitted or disclosed at a later date when appropriate.

Signed on behalf of Lincoln City FC

Signed on behalf of LCFC Fan Advisory Board

Print : \_\_\_\_\_David Lowes\_\_\_\_\_

Print : \_\_\_\_\_Tony Smith\_\_\_\_\_

Position : \_\_Fan Engagement Director\_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_FAB Chair Person\_\_\_\_\_

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