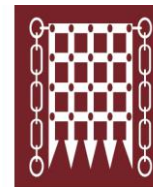


**Westminster Media Forum policy conference:
Next steps for football governance and implementation of the independent regulator in England**
Timing: Morning, Monday, 22nd July 2024
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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Policy priorities and the implementation of the Independent Football Regulator**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Culture, Media and Sport**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Key considerations for the English pyramid in preparing for the IFR's introduction**
Clare Sumner, Chief Policy and Corporate Affairs Officer, Premier League
Senior representative, league
- 9.50 **Assessing regulatory powers outlined in the Football Governance Bill**
implementation of a licensing system | fan engagement in decision-making processes | backstop powers to intervene in revenue distribution | the future of parachute payments | provisions for financial and non-financial penalties
Heather Alderson, Vice Chair, Charlton Athletic Supporters Trust
Mike Baker, Director of Advocacy, Fair Game
Senior representative, football club
Senior representative, legal
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **The future for investment in English football**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Implementation of new corporate governance rules and their impact on the sector and key stakeholders**
interoperability with existing financial regulations | corporate governance best practice | Owners' and Directors' Tests | demonstrating requisite competence | production of robust financial plans | support for smaller clubs | design, uptake and compliance with a Football Club Corporate Governance Code
Mark Palios, Chairman, Tranmere Rovers FC
Harriet Leach, Legal Director, Onside Law
Senior representative, economics
Senior representative, league
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the operation of the Shadow Regulator**
Martyn Henderson, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Shadow Regulator, Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Media Forum