

Westminster Media Forum policy conference:

Next steps for football governance and implementation of an independent regulator in England

Timing: Morning, Monday, 22nd July 2024

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 9.05 **Priorities for football governance reform**
Aaryaman Banerji, Football Policy Lead, Civitas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Stakeholder views on priorities for football governance going forward**
potential for a licensing system | options for fan engagement in decision-making processes | intervention in revenue distribution | the future of parachute payments | legal challenges
Heather Alderson, Vice Chair, Charlton Athletic Supporters Trust
Mike Baker, Director, Advocacy, Fair Game
Simon Orriss, Senior Associate, Mills & Reeve
Kelly Simmons, Consultant, Run Communications; and former Director, Women's Professional Game, Football Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Bassam of Brighton
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dr Christina Philippou, Associate Professor, Accounting and Sport Finance, University of Portsmouth
- 10.55 **The future for investment in English football**
Professor Rob Wilson, Director, Executive Education, University Campus of Football Business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Next steps for the corporate governance of the English pyramid**
priorities for clubs, boards, senior leaders and investors | corporate governance best practice | potential changes to Owners' and Directors' Tests | options for demonstrating financial soundness | support for smaller clubs
Mark Palios, Chairman, Tranmere Rovers FC
Harriet Leach, Legal Director, Onside Law
Bart Huby, Partner and Head, Sport Analytics, LCP
Greg Double, Member, Supporters Trust at Reading
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Key considerations for the introduction and operation of a football regulator**
Dr Jan Zglinski, Assistant Professor, Law, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Dr Christina Philippou, Associate Professor, Accounting and Sport Finance, University of Portsmouth
Thomas Howard, Westminster Media Forum