



NEWPORT COUNTY AFC SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED
(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE TRUST")

Transparency Policy

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1 Introduction

- a) This Policy is drafted in accordance with the Model Rules of the Newport County AFC Supporters Society Limited as approved by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) (the regulatory body responsible in law for ensuring that only organisations that comply with the requirements of the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014) should be approved and registered).
- b) The Board received notice on 15 July 2024 that the Model Rules had been accepted and registered by the FCA.

2 Purpose

To set out the arrangements to ensure that members have full information about, and can have confidence in, how the Trust is being governed and managed.

3 Governance

The Trust will be governed diligently according to the Model Rules referred to above, a copy of which can be seen on the Trust's website.

4 Engagement with members

- a) Trust Directors will maintain open and regular contact with members via regular meetings, website updates, email and social media as well as offering informal opportunities e.g., on match days. "Contact us" details will be clear and accessible for all members. The Trust will maintain and operate in accordance with a comprehensive set of policies which will set out how the model rules will be implemented. Members will be consulted upon these policies when they are newly drafted or amended and the policies will be published on the Trust's website.
- b) The two Trust Directors appointed to the Board of Newport County AFC will issue regular updates on their work as permitted within the governance and running of the football club and will encourage the club itself to be open and transparent with its supporters in accordance with the published Fan Engagement Plan.
- c) The Trust will, in partnership with Newport County AFC, arrange regular fan engagement forums for all supporters, to both update and invite feedback. In accordance with the Fan Engagement Plan these forums will be attended by a senior representative from the Football Club.
- d) Trust Directors will work to the role profile set for their role, and to the Code of Conduct adopted by the Trust. The details of all Trust Directors and officers holding roles will be published on the Trust website.
- e) All General meetings of the Trust (Annual, Special and Extraordinary) will be conducted in accordance with the model rules including giving the required notice of location, time and nature of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed including any members' resolutions. The Board will take all reasonable steps to ensure that General meetings are accessible to members, including the opportunity to vote.

5 Access to information

- a) The Trust will maintain a comprehensive website for members to be able to access with ease all essential information about the Trust. This will include information about Trust finances and where and how the contributions from members are being invested.
- b) The Trust will also issue regular updates on social media including X and Instagram
- c) The Trust will appoint a Director to act as a dedicated first point of contact for members to engage with the Trust.