DERBY CITY COUNCIL - COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION

Moved by Councillor Barker

1. I move that under Council Procedure Rule CP42(r) and with the consent of the Mayor, that the following urgent motion without notice be tabled for debate:

Council pledges its support to Derby County Football Club and commits to help resolve the current impasse between the administrators, the English Football League (EFL) and other interested parties.

Council therefore resolves:

1. To recognise the vital importance of Derby County Football Club to the city and the wider area, in terms of identity, profile, our economy, the direct and indirect supply chain, gross value added and the health and cultural wellbeing of the local community.

2. To note that the club, as a founding member of the football league in 1884, underwent a 21-point deduction and currently has a second transfer embargo placed upon it by the EFL, and yet is still in a position to name its preferred bidder of the three interested parties.

3. To encourage the administrators to engage with all parties in open and proactive communication and to call on the EFL to help facilitate the preferred bidder to be announced and proceed with its takeover of the club to guarantee its survival, thus enabling it to deal with creditors and any outstanding claims. The EFL needs to urgently rule on the creditor status of the claims by Middlesbrough and Wycombe Wanderers, determine whether they are 'football creditors' or not, and importantly to update its rules and policies to comply with current insolvency legislation.

4. To commit to working on a cross-party basis, with the supporters, administrators, EFL, preferred bidder and Government by getting fully behind the TEAM DERBY campaign to SAVE OUR CLUB and by stressing the importance of Derby County Football Club to the city and its communities.