



EVERTON FAN ADVISORY BOARD (FAB) STATEMENT

In recent months, the concerns from Evertonians about the stewardship and running of our Club has intensified.

A second successive relegation battle threatening our Premier League status, referral to an independent Commission by the Premier League about an alleged breach of financial fair play rules and uncertainty about future investment and financial security for the Everton Stadium development have only served to deepen those concerns.

Over the past number of weeks and months, the FAB has expressed its own concerns about the predicament our Club finds itself in, and the challenges it faces. The FAB has held open meetings with supporters to listen to their views, attended meetings held by fan groups and taken soundings from Evertonians through the representative organisations and individuals that make up the FAB.

These have been shared directly and unfiltered with senior officials at the Club. In sharing this feedback, the FAB and its members, have also consistently called for proactive leadership, communication and engagement from the Club hierarchy at a time when the relationship between large parts of the fanbase and the Board has become fractured, and for some, irreparable.

The Chair of any organisation has a core responsibility for leading the board, ensuring its focus on strategic matters and direction, overseeing the company's business, and setting high governance standards.

We were therefore hugely disappointed at the Chairman's statement last Friday. At a critical time for our Club, when we most needed leadership, understanding, accountability and a recognition of the strength of feeling and concern across large parts of the fanbase, we got the absolute opposite.

The situation as it stands is not sustainable, not befitting of our great Club and as Evertonians we do not deserve it.

After careful consideration, we are therefore making a call of no confidence in the current Chair of Everton Football Club.

The FAB is also calling on the majority shareholder to urgently take charge of securing stronger expertise, experience and more appropriate leadership for our Club and ask that he be ready to explain to fans the action and timetable for making this happen.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the work of those doing the day to day work within the Club in what must be extremely difficult circumstances, as well as Evertonians who have shown time and time again that they will stop at nothing to support our Club.