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## **MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS WITH EXTERNAL BODIES POLICY**

<b>Date of Review</b>	<b>Reason for review</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
09/07/2009	New Policy Approved	Not Applicable
12/12/2013	Periodic Review	Minor amendments
13/10/2016	Periodic Review	Revised Format and some rewording
09/11/2017	Periodic Review	No changes

### **1. Introduction**

This document is drafted in accordance with the Rules of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited and sets out the Policy towards membership of and affiliations to external bodies adopted pursuant to a resolution at a Board Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

### **2. Definitions**

Definitions of the terms used in this policy are laid out in a separate Definition of Terms document, which should be read in conjunction with this policy.

### **3. In furtherance of its objectives STAR considers that it is, or would be, beneficial to affiliate to, hold an interest in or maintain membership of the undermentioned organisations:**

Reading Football Club Limited: either the company itself or the company holding a controlling interest in the Football Club company;  
Football Supporters' Federation;  
Supporters Direct; and  
Level Playing Field.

4. Following the takeover transactions of 2014 and 2015, STAR no longer has a shareholding interest in Reading Football Club, but it remains its long-term ambition to re-establish a shareholding or an interest in the Football Club.
5. STAR may seek to affiliate to, hold an interest in or gain membership of other appropriate organisations in furtherance of its objectives subject to either a resolution of the Membership or of the Board, following an examination of the rules, constitution, objectives and any published financial accounts of the organisation confirming:
  - that the organisation's objectives are consistent with STAR's objectives;
  - what benefit STAR would gain from affiliation, maintaining an interest or membership; and
  - that the affiliation fee, cost of purchasing an interest or membership subscription is proportionate to the benefit gained by STAR from affiliation to, holding an interest in or becoming a member of the organisation.
6. Membership of, holding an interest in or affiliation to any organisation is to be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis in order to ascertain that:
  - the organisation's objectives remain consistent with STAR's objectives;
  - there is a benefit to STAR from the continuation of affiliation to, holding an interest in or being a member of the organisation.
  - the membership subscription or affiliation fee is proportionate to the benefit gained by STAR from membership of or affiliation to the organisation.
7. Members may call for the Policy to be reviewed at any time by contacting the Secretary.