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### **STAR POLICY ON THE SUPPORTERS' TRUST MOVEMENT**

<b>Date of Review</b>	<b>Reason for review</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
12/02/2009	New Policy Approved	None
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12/09/2024	Periodic Review	Additional paragraph 3.1 to provide historical context. Updated paragraph 3.2

## **1. Introduction**

1.1. This document is drafted in accordance with the Rules of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited and sets out the Policy on the Supporters' Trust Movement first adopted pursuant to a resolution at a STAR Board Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## **2. Definitions**

2.1. 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. Policy**

3.1. The Supporters' Trust movement took off after the report of the UK Government's 1999 Football Task Force, 'Investing in the Community'. The report recognised the increasing frequency of football clubs getting into financial difficulties which threatened their continuing existence, and the detrimental effect this could have on a local community. The umbrella organisation Supporters Direct was set up in 1990 with government funding with the aim "to secure a greater level of accountability and deliver democratic representation within football clubs". Through the merger of the Football Supporters' Federation and Supporters Direct in 2018 the Football Supporters' Association (FSA) was formed.

3.2. STAR strongly advocates the principle of supporters' participation in the running of their football clubs and is committed to being an active member of the Supporters' Trust movement, with ongoing affiliate membership of the Football Supporters' Association.

3.3. This policy will be reviewed by STAR's Board annually, but members can call for it to be reviewed at any time by contacting the Secretary.