

CHAIR – ELECTION STATEMENT 2021

MALCOLM CLARKE

I have been very active in the national supporters' movement for 25 years and have been privileged to chair the FSA as it now is since our formation in 2018. I support Stoke City 'home and away' and also York City. If Stoke aren't playing and York are, I'm usually there. I Chair the Stoke City Supporters' Club.

I am excited by the progress made since the FSF/SD merger. I am in awe of the quality of both our staff and our volunteers on the Board, the National Council and our networks. This is nowhere better illustrated than in the evidence submitted to the Fan Led Review, which looks likely to propose real change in the way our game is governed. We are on the verge of finally winning the campaign for the restoration of standing at the top of the game.

But this is no time for self-congratulation or resting on our laurels. We know we are right, but that counts for nothing if we don't achieve real change for our members. Getting the FLR implemented will be one of many challenges to come, some as yet unknown, because those who want to exploit our clubs and the loyalty of their fans will still be there.

The Chair, working closely with the CEO and the Board, co-ordinates the work of the FSA to further our objectives and ensure that our own governance maintains the highest standards. I believe I have demonstrated the skills and experience to do that effectively. I represented us for 14 years on the FA Council and have extensive experience outside football of both executive (up to CEO level) and non-executive leadership roles. If you so decide it would be a huge honour to continue to serve you as Chair into our exciting future.