



# Barnet FC Supporters' Association

## PROPOSED CONVERSION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO A TRUST

The BFCSA Annual General Meeting, held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, voted in favour of the principle of the Association becoming a Trust. During the meeting, some members stated that, firstly, they did not have sufficient information to understand the benefits of a Trust and, secondly, the point was made that many members are unable to attend mid-week meetings and thus are prevented from voting. We have taken these points on board and thus attach a detailed document explaining what a Supporters' Trust is and why the BFCSA committee believes it is preferable to the current Association model.

Your committee is working closely with Supporters Direct (SD), a government-backed organisation which encourages and oversees the development of Trusts, with a view to forming a Trust at Barnet. More information about SD and Trusts in general can be found at [www.supporters-direct.org](http://www.supporters-direct.org).

In addition to the information document, you will also find enclosed a summary of the constitution that the BFCSA committee proposes be adopted for the new Trust. This is heavily based on the SD model constitution (the final arbiter), which is the basis of every Supporters' Trust constitution. The SD rules are mandatory for a Trust formed under the SD mantle and have been developed by SD working with a leading law firm. These draft rules will be voted upon by members at the EGM and, if passed, will govern the operation of the Trust. The proposed constitution in full is available on our website at [www.bfcsa.co.uk](http://www.bfcsa.co.uk). If any member would like a paper copy of any of the proposed constitution, please let any member of the committee know or send a message to [info@bfcsa.co.uk](mailto:info@bfcsa.co.uk).

A postal vote has been organised, as requested at the AGM. Attached is a form containing an explanation of the vote, the voting paper and details of where to send your vote. The recipient of the vote is a member of the Exeter City Trust and was recommended by SD as an independent collator and vote counter. The vote will be declared at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association to be held in the Pavilion on October 13<sup>th</sup> commencing at 8pm.

All 2010/2011 BFCSA memberships have been extended until a decision regarding the trust is known ensuring everyone who became a BFCSA member from July 2010 will be able to vote.

**Eddie Thompson**  
**Chairman, BFCSA**  
12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

