



COUNCIL MEETING

23 May 2024

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Beadle will move the following motion:

Council Notes:

1. The decision of the EFL not to allow Gateshead FC entry into the League 2 Play Offs.
2. The EFL Statement that this is because “the terms of the Club’s occupation at the Gateshead International Stadium, owned by the Borough Council of Gateshead does not meet the relevant qualifying criteria to enable the Club to become a Member of the EFL.”
3. The significant economic and reputational benefits that would follow from Gateshead FC’s promotion to League 2.
4. That Cabinet agreed in November 2023 that “any future recommendations for the use of GIS” should consider “the impact that this may have upon facility users ...”
5. That no mention of the potential impact of the review of Gateshead International Stadium on Gateshead FCs eligibility to become a member of the EFL was made in the reports to Cabinet of January, July or November 2023 or in the consultation on the future of the GIS in the summer of 2023.
6. That correspondence between the Council, Gateshead Football Club and the EFL has not been formally reported to Councillors.

Council Requires:

1. That any contract to transfer the management of the Gateshead International Stadium to an external operator should compel them to make the commitments required by the EFL for membership of the Football League, namely security of tenure for ten years.
2. That an investigation into the decision not to give this guarantee be added to the Work Programme of the Corporate Resources OSC.

Proposed by: Councillor R Beadle

Seconded by: Councillor D Welsh