EAST FIFE SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

16th AUGUST 2024

Dear Supporter

Loan Application

As the EFSS Board feel that we are close to a solution to the purchase of the club we are sending out a series of short messages to keep you abreast of the developments. Today's is about the situation regarding the loan from the Scottish Government.

We have maintained communication with the Scottish Government for well over a year and this has included:

- a meeting between one of our people with First Minister John Swinney. This was originally due to happen this month but because of political pressures has been rescheduled for September.
- last week our representative spoke face to face with Sport Minister Maree Todd
- we have also had direct communication with Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health to whom Ms Todd reports
- additionally, we have had regular contact with the relevant senior civil servant dealing with this area and he and his staff have evaluated and approved our professionally produced business plan.

It's worth mentioning too that we are not seeking a grant - we have applied for a loan with security which makes it a far more attractive arrangement for the government. The final ironic point is that we had been advised earlier in the year that the arrangements could be completed by the end of last season. Sadly, the change of First Minister followed by the sudden General Election meant that the Government had other priorities!

Thanks for your ongoing support. We're nearly there!

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