



Leighton United Football Club

SUMMARY NOTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS ON 22 & 29 DECEMBER 2020 & 5 JANUARY 2021

There was full Committee attendance on each call.

PURPOSE

Primarily to deal with Covid-19 developments and impacts. **Action points in bold.**

22 December 2020

Central Bedfordshire Area had been moved to Covid-19 Tier 4 – with the toughest restrictions.

Training facilities: Cedars expected to remain closed. Where alternative training facility costs are incurred by teams it was agreed to allocate £10/week/team from January 2021 for 12 weeks while Cedars remains closed, up to a maximum of £120/team. This being the approximate cost to the club if the Cedars facility was available. Alternative venue costs can vary widely and be more expensive than Cedars. Club finances do not allow full alternative venue costs to be covered.

Conditional on all team playing fees being collected and there being no other debts.

All venues need to comply with Government Covid-19 requirements – including Covid-19 risk assessments.

CV subsequently sent a draft message to coaches to the Committee for comment, but it was not issued due to the FA suspension of grassroots football announced on 5 January 2021

Due to uncertainty how the season will pan out (some speculation the season could be extended) it was too early to consider playing fee implications.

Review and update Covid-19 risk assessment, including reference to tiers – Alan & Tom

29 December 2020

Covid-19 cases locally had risen rapidly in recent weeks. Risk assessment for football in Tier 4 drafted – to inform decision making.

Coaches and parent bases to be asked whether they wanted to continue football activities or pause until the Covid-19 situation had improved – **Craig** - Done

Coaches were subsequently advised of the worsening Covid-19 situation and Government guidance restricting spectators in Tier 4.

Monthly coaches conference calls to be arranged, starting early January – **Craig** - Done

05 January 2021

Following the new lockdown announced by the Government the previous day, the FA suspended all grassroots football (including U18s) with immediate effect and until further notice. This meant the club is shutdown. The ground will be closed except for pitch line marking and general maintenance jobs.

Prior to this, just over half the coaches wanted to carry on with matches, three-quarters with training and a quarter wanting to stop both matches and training.

It was agreed to restart issuing newsletters online as a means of communicating more directly with the parent base. **CV to coordinate.**

See if kitchen refurbishment can be progressed during lockdown - **Jo**