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Introduction

Welcome to the latest Football League Agents' Fees Report. This is the sixth time that The League has revealed its clubs' spending on agents' fees and covers the period between July and December 2006.

When League clubs voted to introduce the publication of agents' fees in September 2003 they broke new ground for transparency in the football industry. It is The League's view that these payments should be a matter of public record and debate.

In total League clubs have committed £6.2m to agents during the last six months, an increase on the £4.4m committed in the same period last season. Twenty-one clubs did not commit any money to agents and a further nine committed £5,000 or less.

The figures contained in the report include sums committed by clubs to agents directly, as well as any sums committed through clubs having agreed to satisfy a player's liability to his agent. Such payments would normally be regarded as 'benefits in kind' and clubs may have adjusted the player's wages accordingly.

It should also be noted that the report reflects total amounts committed to during the six month period in question. However, the payments themselves may be by instalments, some of which may fall outside the reporting period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overall Football League Figures

(July to December 2005 figures in italic)

- Between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006 Football League clubs engaged in **2,034** (1,765) player transactions (new registrations/player transfers, contract updates, contract cancellations and loans);
 - Clubs committed to pay an agent in **497** (237) of these transactions;
 - League clubs committed to spend **£6,214,969** (£4,427,986) during the period of this report;
 - **21** (21) clubs did not commit any money to agents during the last six months;
 - **30** (27) clubs committed £5,000 or less to agents during the last six months.
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The Championship

- In The Championship there were **731** (657) player transactions, **297** (136) involving the use of an agent;
 - Clubs committed to spend a total of **£5,489,599** (£3,741,886) on agents' fees during this period;
 - **23** (23) clubs committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
 - **1** (1) club did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Colchester United).
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League 1

- In League 1 there were **641** (560) player transactions, **122** (64) involving the use of an agent;
 - Clubs committed to spend a total of **£505,305** (£549,110) on agents' fees during this period;
 - **19** clubs (15) committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
 - **5** clubs (9) did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Blackpool, Cheltenham Town, Crewe Alexandra, Huddersfield Town and Port Vale).
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League 2

- In League 2 there were **662** (548) player transactions, **78** (37) involving the use of an agent;
- Clubs committed to spend a total of **£220,065** (£136,990) on agents' fees during this period;
- **9** clubs (13) committed to pay for the services of a licensed agent;
- **15** clubs (11) did not pay for the services of a licensed agent (Accrington Stanley, Barnet, Bury, Chester City, Hartlepool United, Hereford United, Lincoln City, Mansfield Town, Notts County, Peterborough United, Rochdale, Stockport County, Walsall, Wrexham and Wycombe Wanderers).

SUMMARY OF CLUB BY CLUB TRANSACTIONS AND AGENTS' FEES FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2006 TO 31 DECEMBER 2006

Championship	New Reg/ Tfr	Updated Contract	Cancelled Contract	Loans	Total Transactions	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 06) £	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 05)
Barnsley	13	8	0	6	27	5,000	17,500
Birmingham City	19	14	4	2	39	519,950	n/a
Burnley	5	3	4	0	12	56,000	163,910
Cardif City	25	10	2	2	39	335,000	155,000
Colchester United	8	3	1	4	16	0	0
Coventry City	22	9	4	2	37	216,250	105,250
Crystal Palace	22	8	1	2	33	433,818	100,000
Derby County	20	10	3	1	34	408,300	58,500
Hull City	20	13	5	10	48	202,400	22,000
Ipswich Town	13	3	1	3	20	5,000	110,242
Leeds United	12	4	3	7	26	64,000	576,800
Leicester City	11	5	1	1	18	46,117	300,990
Luton Town	10	4	0	2	16	50,000	92,000
Norwich City	14	5	2	5	26	86,850	438,000
Plymouth Argyle	12	13	4	3	32	110,000	38,575
Preston North End	9	5	1	4	19	62,500	80,300
Queens Park Rangers	20	11	1	3	35	187,340	131,600
Sheffield Wednesday	9	7	1	3	20	85,000	51,500
Southampton	31	14	6	1	52	842,533	275,000
Southend United	22	16	2	1	41	122,190	2,750
Stoke City	10	7	2	5	24	560,000	59,355
Sunderland	29	17	6	0	52	594,500	n/a
West Bromwich Albion	16	9	2	1	28	370,518	n/a
Wolverhampton Wanderers	21	10	4	2	37	126,333	153,334
Division Total	393	208	60	70	731	5,489,599	

Explanatory Notes:

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A.F.C. Bournemouth	10	10	1	6	27	1,000	5,000
Blackpool	14	2	0	6	22	0	0
Bradford City	13	7	2	6	28	40,000	29,400
Brentford	11	5	0	8	24	5,000	23,850
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	11	2	7	25	37,500	255,000
Bristol City	18	11	5	5	39	127,980	86,850
Carlisle United	10	11	1	7	29	5,500	3,120
Cheltenham Town	5	4	0	7	16	0	0
Chesterfield	9	8	0	1	18	6,500	0
Crewe Alexandra	12	6	1	20	39	0	0
Doncaster Rovers	12	3	3	9	27	3,000	56,000
Gillingham	15	15	1	5	36	15,400	0
Huddersfield Town	6	6	0	0	12	0	0
Leyton Orient	11	5	1	5	22	29,000	17,500
Millwall	20	9	5	9	43	78,140	15,000
Northampton Town	11	7	0	5	23	5,000	5,000
Nottingham Forest	8	4	4	2	18	6,000	124,950
Oldham Athletic	18	1	3	6	28	7,000	35,470
Port Vale	16	5	0	5	26	0	0
Rotherham United	18	7	1	1	27	36,520	23,500
Scunthorpe United	8	9	3	2	22	5,000	0
Swansea City	9	5	0	1	15	26,100	24,150
Tranmere Rovers	16	8	0	1	25	20,000	14,940
Yeovil Town	27	12	0	11	50	50,665	53,000
Division Total	302	171	33	135	641	505,305	

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League 2	New Reg/ Tfr	Updated Contract	Cancelled Contract	Loans	Total Transactions	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 06) £	Total Amount Committed to Agents (1 July - 31 Dec 05)
Accrington Stanley	26	0	2	11	39	0	n/a
Barnet	16	1	0	0	17	0	0
Boston United	9	6	0	3	18	5,000	0
Bristol Rovers	10	6	0	8	24	26,500	29,000
Bury	9	7	2	7	25	0	0
Chester City	17	1	4	2	24	0	0
Darlington	29	15	3	6	53	44,603	7,500
Grimsby Town	20	7	6	10	43	21,000	13,560
Hartlepool United	9	5	1	3	18	0	0
Hereford United	24	0	1	4	29	0	n/a
Lincoln City	11	1	1	15	28	0	0
Macclesfield Town	15	4	1	6	26	1,000	11,250
Mansfield Town	8	6	0	2	16	0	14,200
Milton Keynes Dons	23	7	3	12	45	55,500	46,250
Notts County	10	0	1	6	17	0	0
Peterborough United	10	2	3	13	28	0	3,000
Rochdale	4	2	1	4	11	0	4,000
Shrewsbury Town	17	5	3	5	30	23,600	0
Stockport County	11	6	0	9	26	0	0
Swindon Town	21	5	4	7	37	23,613	5,500
Torquay United	23	9	2	2	36	19,250	9,610
Walsall	13	3	2	3	21	0	0
Wrexham	11	10	0	5	26	0	0
Wycombe Wanderers	9	7	0	9	25	0	0
Division Total	355	115	40	152	662	220,065	
Grand Total	1050	494	133	357	2,034	6,214,969	

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