

Manifesto Long Version:

My name is Nick Bryant, an Exeter supporter since childhood, my first full season following the Grecians being 89/90. I've been with the club through highs and lows, as a child fundraising with supporters during the turbulent 94/95 season before the Fulham game which could have been our last at SJP. Some may also recognise me from my fundraising efforts and charity runs; I completed two landmark 'Runs for Stanno' accompanied by Adam's brother Paul, immediately after his passing running from SJP to Huish Park, Yeovil and then in 2012 from the Memorial Ground, Bristol to SJP in time for the first game of the league season.

I'm a senior leader in local government with a background in town and country planning. My 'day job' involves managing a highly sensitive, highly complex statutory service with responsibility for substantial staffing and resource budgets. I am hoping to bring some of my skills, knowledge and experience to the Trust.

Our current financial and governance crisis has drawn into focus the need to reaffirm our model and how the Trust is run. We need clear short, medium and long-term goals for the Trust with a much sharper focus on good governance. Setting a clear vision and strategy to get there is something I would be very happy to drive; utilising my skills and experience in strategy development and organisational change in the public sector.

Asserting our ownership of our football club should be at the heart of our immediate priorities. This should mean maximising the Trust's ownership stake in City as well as the transfer of the training ground and St James Centre to the Trust.

I am a firm believer in accountability and clear communication. Being clear about what can be shared, where it can't why it can't. I would want to help build a culture of openness, a willingness to be held accountable to decision-making and where Trust members are engaged.

There is so much currently untapped potential within the ranks of trust membership. If elected I would wish to see a strong emphasis placed upon the identification of skills, knowledge and experience base held within the cohort of members.

I'm standing as part of Trust in Change; a fan-led group, championing openness, accountability and ambition. Put fans first. Restore trust. Vote for me – and together we'll build a stronger future for our Club.