



It's down to you again: Sean Devine will have to shoulder the scoring responsibility on his own again next season if Blues' takeover proposals don't come to fruition because Sanchez won't be given the resources to buy the big striker he wants

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No change, no money

WANDERERS directors will hit manager Lawrie Sanchez with a second successive skinflint budget if the Blues' takeover proposals do not gather speed.

The BFP can reveal that the board are currently drawing up a strict budget, similar to this season's allowance which gave Sanchez no money to buy players, that they will impose in the summer if the takeover doesn't happen.

Informal talks are going on

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behind the scenes with potential buyers who could meet the £8 million asking price to buy the club – but if it doesn't come off Sanchez will be operating on a shoestring again.

Financial director Graham Peart said of the takeover plans: "There's activity behind the scenes but no results at the moment. We've talked to a number of people on an informal basis over a

period of months and are trying to formulate a plan that might be beneficial.

"There's not a great queue of people who want to throw money down a black hole but we think there are people who are interested in coming on board. There's no deadline and we must get it right."

In the meantime Blues, who lost £250,000 last year, are planning for next season in Division Two.

He said: "We are working on next season's budget on the basis of there being no change in the

constitution and set-up of the club but if there is interest in the club and something better comes up we will pick it up and run with it."

But he ruled out the prospect of Wanderers increasing their bank overdraft in the interim period to give Sanchez some transfer money.

He said: "We've gone as far down that route as we are able to go. All these things have to be paid back. At the moment it's difficult to show that we have the means to pay it back because the costs of running a second division team are higher than the turnstile income."