

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee  
**Date:** 24 September 2015  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** The Deputy Chief Executive

### Report Title

**Annual Match Visit of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee to Altrincham Football Club, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

### Summary

**Report describing the annual match visit 2015.**

### Recommendation

**That the report be noted.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None

Financial Implications:	N/A
Legal Implications:	N/A
Human Resources Implications:	N/A
Asset Management Implications:	N/A
E-Government Implications:	N/A
Risk Management Implications:	N/A

# **SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL MATCH VISIT ALTRINCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. Each year the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee are invited to carry out a match visit to Altrincham Football Club. This year's visit took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the League fixture, Altrincham FC v Telford United.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1. Councillor Paul Lally (Chairman) and Councillor Matthew Sephton attended with Council Officers Joe Marriott and Tony Bibi. They were met and welcomed by Derek Wilshaw, Club Secretary.
- 2.2. The party was invited to undertake a walking tour of the Stadium, both internally and externally.
- 2.3. Members were taken into the old bar area which was in the process of undergoing building works, to convert the area by splitting the room into a use for the St. John Ambulance Service with the other room being possibly used as a waiting room. Further modernisation works were observed to have been carried out, in both the home and away dressing rooms as well as the rooms used by match officials.

The party were then escorted into the new Community Hall which may be used for a variety of uses by different organisations as well as being available for private hire. The Hall could be partitioned off by room screens to facilitate the size of room required and provided an excellent outlook on to the playing pitch. In addition the Hall was equipped with four large flat satellite televisions for screening live sports.

Members then attended the match day stewards briefing with the Club providing ten stewards and assisted by an additional five from Stockport County. Intelligence reports suggested it would be a low risk game with the opposition fans having no history of causing problems at the ground.

The tour was completed with a circuit of the terracing and observation of the repair works carried out to provide new walling following gale damage last year.

- 2.4. The match ended in a two goals to one defeat for Altrincham and was attended by 1265 spectators including a contingent of 85 away fans.

2.5. There were no safety issues raised during the game as regards:

- Stewarding.
- Stadium Security.
- Segregation.

**3. RECOMMENDATION.**

3.1. That the report be noted.