

**TRAFFORD COUNCIL**

**Report to:** Safety at Sports Grounds Sub Committee.  
**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
**Report for:** Information.  
**Report of:** Corporate Director, Place

**Report Title**

**Report on the Safety Advisory Group Meeting for Lancashire County Cricket Club, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

**Summary**

**Report summarising the discussions and outcomes of the Safety Advisory Group Meeting.**

**Recommendation**

**That the report be noted.**

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Background Papers: None

# **SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ADVISORY GROUP**

## **Report on the Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Group Meeting For Lancashire County Cricket Club 27th March 2019.**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. The purpose of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is to advise the local authority in respect of safety management to ensure and promote high standards of safety and security at a sports stadium. Meetings of the SAG are held several times a year as and when necessary; and in particular to review annually a stadium's General Safety Certificate. This is done using a consistent and co-ordinated multi-agency partnership approach. The SAG also advises the local authority in respect of relevant legislation and guidance whereby reports and debriefs relevant to site visits and / or inspections are presented to the SAG in relation to the issue of a General Safety Certificate.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1. In attendance at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were representatives from Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Police Counter Terrorism Advisor, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Emergency Planning Trafford Council, AMEY - Structures, Trafford Council Legal and Democratic Services, Trafford Council Safety at Sports Grounds, Trafford Council Environmental Health, Lancashire County Cricket Club, Safety at Sports Grounds Authority and the Cricket World Cup 19/English Test and Cricket Board.
- 2.2. A Counter Terrorism (CT) update was given by the GMP Counter Terrorism Security Advisor including a general overview of the current national security threat level and guidance on how a multi-agency approach to CT was beneficial. In addition, advice was provided on access to on-line training courses and on new guidance relating to marauding terrorist attacks. Further the SAG was informed that a Civic Quarter Security Review group (SRG) had been organised and a formal presentation had been given to stakeholders in March 2019. The SRG were looking at short and long term security measures relating to CT issues, in the area surrounding the cricket ground.
- 2.3. Ian Aspey, Stadium Safety Officer for Lancashire County Cricket Club, presented the Club's Annual Safety Report for the 2018 Season. This report noted that all the objectives set for that season had been met; this included fully integrating the hotel into the ground's safety and security operations. LCCC placed on record their thanks to Trafford Council's Licensing and Building Control Services for their work over the last season. It was noted that all matches and a Concert had been successfully held without any significant

safety concerns. The Group was also updated and informed that LCCC would be hosting six world cup fixtures and an Ashes Test Match in the 2019 season.

- 2.4 Greater Manchester Police had no issues to report.
- 2.5 Trafford Council gave a local authority review/update .This noted that LCCC had provided information to the Council so that a new capacity for the stadium could be placed on record which takes into account “the wider definition of safety” as defined in the new Green Guide 6<sup>th</sup> Edition . The Council reported to the group that they had carried out a P and S factor audit in line with Green Guide 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. This was with a view to reviewing the General Safety Certificate for the 2019 Season.
- 2.6 Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service discussed their need for on-line access to the Club’s safety procedures manual; LCCC confirmed that live access can be provided if the Club could access the system used by GMFRS.
- 2.7 It was agreed by the SAG that the General Safety Certificate be re – issued as LCCC now complied with all aspects of the Green Guide 6<sup>th</sup> Edition and were meeting the new responsibilities which had been set out.
- 2.8 An update was given to the group regarding the Cricket World Cup by the English Test and Cricket Board. The Group were informed that multi-agency meetings regarding the Cricket World Cup had already taken place and additional meetings were scheduled. There was also a City Centre steering group regarding the fan village and other issues. There would be six World Cup fixtures held at LCCC including the high profile fixture of India against Pakistan. The Group were informed that a Spidercam was being implemented and Wi-Fi throughout the stadium would be installed and these would go live this season. Two jumbo scoreboards were also being upgraded prior to the start of the season.
- 2.9 The Safety at Sports Grounds Authority advised the group on up-coming changes to occupational standards for stewards which should be approved by March 2019.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION.**

- 3.1 That the report be noted.