

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

14 MARCH 2014

PRESENT

Councillor David Higgins (in the Chair) and Councillor Paul Lally.

In attendance

P. Harvey	- Director of Environment
J. Marriott	- Public Protection Manager
T. Bibi	- Team Leader (Pollution and Housing)
M. Jones	- Interim Head of Legal Services
D. Hooley	- Emergency Planning Manager
K. Minors	- Senior Structural Engineer
I. Cockill	- Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance

D. Wilshaw	- Altrincham Association Football Club
P. Rainford	- Manchester United Club
N. McQueen	- Greater Manchester Police
R. Riding	- Sports Ground Safety Authority

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Quayle and C. Coxon (Manchester United Football Club).

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. REPORT REGARDING THE SPORTS GROUNDS SAFETY AUTHORITY MONITORING OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND GROUNDS - OVERVIEW OF SAFETY CERTIFICATION REVIEW

The Director of Environment submitted a report informing the Sub-Committee of the review undertaken by the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) of 30 General Safety Certificates issued by local authorities. The SGSA had produced guidance in May 2013 based upon the review findings and require that their recommended conditions be considered as part of the next annual review of safety certification.

RESOLVED: That the re-issue of the General Safety Certificates for Manchester United Football Club and Altrincham Association Football Club should be subject to the consideration of attaching the recommended conditions of the SGSA.

**13. ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT AND GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE -
MANCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Director of Environment submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report for Manchester United Football Club and requesting the issue of a new General Safety Certificate complying with the recommendations of the Sports Ground Safety Authority.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted and the General Safety Certificate be re-issued.
- (2) That the Sub – Committee noted that Manchester United Football Club wished to place on record it's thanks to its partners, namely Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, North West Ambulance Service, St. John Ambulance Service and the Council, for their valuable assistance, guidance and support throughout the 2012/13 season.

**14. ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT AND GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE -
ALTRINCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Director of Environment submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report for Altrincham Football Club and requesting the issue of a new General Safety Certificate complying with the recommendations of the Sports Ground Safety Authority.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the General Safety Certificate be re-issued.

**15. REQUEST BY LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB FOR AN ADDITIONAL
PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ALONG BRIAN STATHAM WAY FOR THE 3RD
ASHES TEST MATCH, 1ST TO 5TH AUGUST AND ONE DAY
INTERNATIONAL 8TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Director of Environment submitted a report detailing the decision process for the above additional pedestrian corridor request by Lancashire County Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

**16. APPLICATION BY LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB TO AMEND THE
GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FOR THE
3RD ASHES TEST MATCH, 1ST TO 5TH AUGUST AND ONE DAY
INTERNATIONAL 8TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

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The Director of Environment submitted a report on Lancashire County Cricket Club's application to increase the seating capacity of their ground to cover a maximum limit of 26,000 for the above matches.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

17. REPORT REGARDING THE ANNUAL MATCH VISIT TO LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB ON 3RD AUGUST 2013

The Director of Environment submitted a report regarding the annual match visit to Lancashire County Cricket Club on Saturday 3 August 2013 for the Third Ashes Test Match between England and Australia.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and finished at 10.23 a.m.