



AGENDA PAPERS FOR SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 21 September 2016

Time: 2.00 pm

**Place: Boardroom, 3rd floor Pavilion, Lancashire County Cricket Club, Emirates
Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0PX**

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Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors N. Evans (Chairman), M. Sephton (Vice-Chairman) and A. Western

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SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT

Councillor Paul Lally (In the Chair),
A. Western

In attendance:

Head of Regulatory Services	- (Mr. I. Veitch)
Team Leader (Environmental Control and Sports Ground Safety)	- (Mr. T. Bibi)
Head of Legal Services	- (Mr. H. Khan)

Also in attendance:

Mr. K. Minors (Engineer (Amey)),
Mr. R. Riding (Sports Grounds Safety Authority),
Mr. G. Galilee (Sports Grounds Safety Authority),
D. Howard (Greater Manchester Police),
D. Heathcote (Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service),
J. Hornby (Manchester United Football Club).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Sephton, Mr. D. Hooley (Trafford Council) and Mr. P. Rainford (Manchester United Football Club)

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report 2014-2015 for Manchester United Football Club and the General Safety Certificate 2015/2016. The Sub-Committee was advised that the General Safety Certificate had been approved by the Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Group following receipt of an application from the club.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Safety Report and re-issue of the General Safety Certificate be noted.

8. ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT AND GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE - ALTRINCHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report 2014/2015 for Altrincham Football Club and the General safety Certificate 2015/2016. The Sub-Committee was advised that the General Safety Certificate had been approved by the Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Group following receipt of an application from the club.

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RESOLVED: That the Annual Safety Report and re-issue of the General Safety Certificate be noted.

9. REPORT REGARDING THE ANNUAL MATCH VISIT TO LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report regarding the annual match visit to Lancashire County Cricket Club on 13th September 2015 at the One Day International, England against Australia.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 12.05 pm and finished at 12.40 pm

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 21st September 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

Sale Rugby Football Club – Application for a General Safety Certificate

Summary

The Sale Sharks professional rugby team relocated to another ground at the end of the 2003/4 season, since that time the General Safety Certificate has not been renewed due to the reduction in spectator attendance and the nature of the activities held at the Heywood Road ground.
Sale Rugby Football Club now host semi-professional Rugby League matches so there is a requirement to renew and update their General Safety Certificate and Safety Procedural Manual, in order for the public to attend the ground.

Recommendation

That the Report is noted

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi – Team Leader (Environmental Control & Sports Ground Safety)
Regulatory Services
Extension: 3840.

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

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

SALE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The use of the Club's Heywood Road ground for spectator attendance significantly reduced following the relocation of the Sale Sharks first team in 2004 to another stadium. The safety management operations at the club since that time, have provided ad-hoc stewarding depending upon the risk rating of the fixture with general reliance being mainly placed upon volunteers, to provide the match day support. Attendances at the ground have in recent years been in the low hundreds such that there have been minimal safety risks to spectators who attend matches.

1.2 The Club holds a General Safety Certificate dating back to 2003 / 4 with a maximum spectator capacity of 5,678. The Certificate is required since the ground contains two Regulated Stands each with a capacity in excess of 500 as defined in the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987. The current General Safety Certificate and the Safety Procedure Manual are considered to be outdated and in need of updating to meet the current requirements of the Club.

2. APPLICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The Club have made contractual arrangements to host matches played by Swinton Lions who play Rugby League in the Kingstone Press Championship, as well as the Rugby League Challenge Cup.

2.2 This arrangement is planned for over a number of years whilst a new ground in Swinton is being developed and will potentially increase the attendances and crowd profile of matches at Heywood Road, compared to those games involving Sale Rugby Football Club.

2.3. The application proposes a maximum spectator capacity of 3,387 which is a reduced capacity compared to that of the former capacity of 5,678, as contained in the 2003/4 General Safety Certificate.

2.3 A revised Safety Procedure Manual has been produced by the Club and has been reviewed by the Council and forwarded to the G.M. Police and G.M. Fire and Rescue for their comments.

2.4 Additionally, the Council requires a Match Day Operations Manual to be produced for the Swinton Lions and Rugby League matches to support the Club's Safety Procedures Manual.

2.5 An Annual Safety Report will be required to be submitted by the Club from 2016/17 onwards, as part of the annual review and renewal of the General Safety Certificate.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The renewal of the General Safety Certificate subject to the above requirements being met is noted.



**GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE
2015 /2016**

Sale Rugby Football Club

**FIRE SAFETY AND SAFETY OF PLACES OF
SPORT ACT 1987**

SPORTS GROUND FOR WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED

**HEYWOOD ROAD
SALE
TRAFFORD
M33 3WB**

HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB

OCCUPIER OF THE SPORTS GROUND

SALE FOOTBALL CLUB

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

FIRE SAFETY AND SAFETY AT PLACES OF SPORT ACT 1987

GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

SALE RUGBY FOOTBALL GROUND

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, The Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 and all other enabling powers, Trafford Council as local authority for the area in which the above Sports Ground (shown edged by a bold broken line on the plan attached hereto) is situated, hereby issue to Sale Football Club (The Holder), this General Safety Certificate.
2. This General Safety Certificate replaces the preceding General Safety Certificate issued by Trafford Council which ceases to have effect of the date hereof.
3. This General Safety Certificate covers the safety of spectators in the whole sports ground to ensure that parts of the ground in the immediate vicinity of the regulated stands do not affect the safety of people within the regulated stands. The responsibility for the safety of spectators lies with the Holder who shall ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this certificate at all times the regulated stands are in use for a specified activity.
4. This General Safety Certificate is issued only in respect of the use of the two regulated stands (North and South) for the viewing of rugby football matches (the Specified Activity).
5. This General Safety Certificate is issued subject to the terms and conditions appearing herein which the Council consider necessary or expedient to secure reasonable safety at the regulated stands when they are used for the Specified Activity and the Specified Activity shall not take place unless the said terms and conditions are complied with in all respects.
6. The Holder shall notify the Council in writing of any change in circumstance affecting this Certificate or any term or condition subject to which it is granted, including a change in personnel designated under this Safety Certificate, and shall do so when ever reasonably practicable before any change of circumstance and in any event within 48 hours of the circumstance coming to the attention of the holder or any of his servants or agents.

7. This Certificate does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, by-law or regulation other than under Section 26(10) (a) of The Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987.
8. The Holder shall produce and maintain a written Safety Procedures Manual setting out the policies and procedures for complying with the terms and conditions within this Safety Certificate.
9. The Holder shall at all times comply with the policies and procedures set out in the Sale Football Club (S.F.C.) Safety Procedures Manual, which must not be amended without giving 21 days prior notification to Trafford Council.
10. The words and expressions used in this General Safety Certificate shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 as amended and the Definition Section of the S.F.C. Safety Procedures Manual and in the event of any conflict between the meanings thereby assigned the meaning in the Act shall prevail.
11. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for the production and implementation of S.F.C. Safety Policy for rugby football matches attended by spectators.
12. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 11 above.
13. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for all operational safety personnel employed, contracted or invited to undertake a safety role in connection with football matches attended by spectators.
14. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 13 above.
15. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that all building structures, building services and equipment are provided and maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfil their required function.
16. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 15 above.
17. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that a Safety Procedures Manual is maintained updated and that the specified activity takes place in accordance with that same Safety Procedures Manual.
18. The Holder shall ensure that the persons described in Conditions 11 to 17 (inclusive) above are afforded such authority as is commensurate with

their responsibilities and shall ensure that those persons discharge their responsibilities under this Certificate.

19. The Holder shall notify Trafford Council of the names of the persons designated under conditions 11-17(inclusive).
20. The Holder shall ensure that the maximum number of spectators admitted at any one time to the whole ground shall not exceed 3,387 (Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Seven)
21. The Holder shall ensure that the maximum number of spectators admitted at any one time to the regulated stands shall not exceed the capacities set out within the S.F.C. Safety Procedures Manual; and shall also ensure that the prescribed measures for controlling spectators are duly implemented.
22. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary for the reasonable safety of spectators.
23. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary to ensure reasonable crowd control.
24. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary to ensure reasonable stewarding of spectators.
25. The Holder shall ensure that all reasonable policing requirements determined by Greater Manchester Police are provided for.
26. The Holder shall ensure that all means of ingress and egress are maintained effective and unobstructed.
27. The Holder shall ensure that all building structures, building services and equipment are provided and maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfil their required function.
28. The Holder shall ensure that all reasonable fire safety precautions are taken to prevent the outbreak, spread and effects on spectators of fire.
29. The Holder shall ensure that a reasonable level of medical/first aid cover is available at the ground to relieve the immediate suffering of persons injured or taken ill at the ground.

30. The Holder shall ensure that such evidence is made available as will enable Trafford Council to satisfactorily audit S.F.C's. safety management for compliance with the terms and conditions within this Safety Certificate.

Dated the day of 2016

Signed.....

Helen Jones (Deputy Chief Executive)
Trafford Council
Trafford Town Hall
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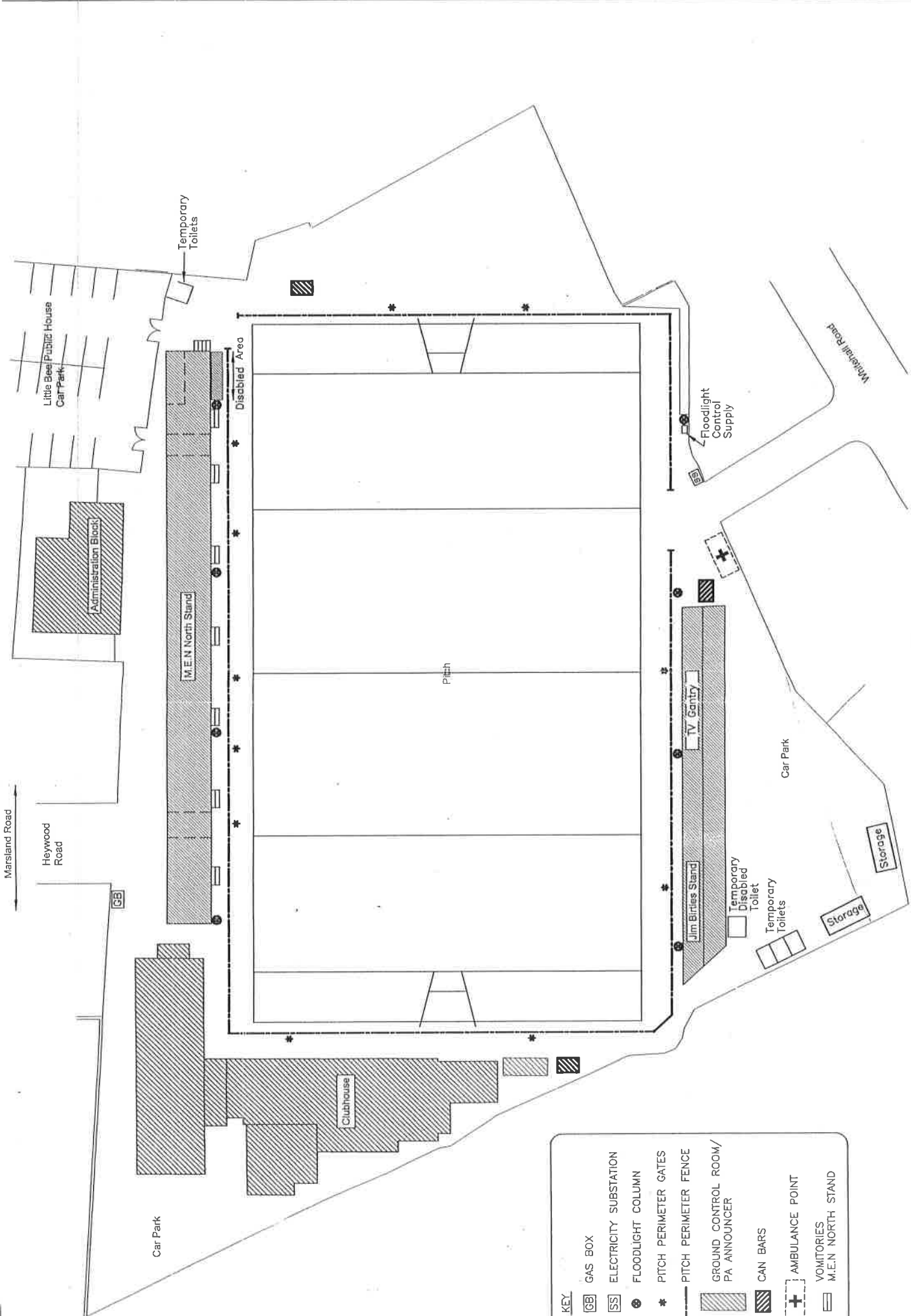
General Safety Certificate Designated Persons

The following persons are designated, by **Sale Football Club**, under the authority of the GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE issued by Trafford Council under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 as amended.

The 'Holder' of the GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE is:
Sale Football Club.

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| Section 11 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for the production and implementation of Sale Football Club's Safety Policy for the specified activities.</p> <p>Michael Jefferson</p> |
| Section 12 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 11 above.</p> <p>Mrs Wynn Loughlan</p> |
| Section 13 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for all operational safety personnel employed, contracted or invited to undertake a safety role in connection with the specified activity.</p> <p>Michael Jefferson</p> |
| Section 14 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 13 above.</p> <p>Mrs Wynn Loughlan</p> |
| Section 15 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that all building structures, building services and equipment are provided and maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfil their required function.</p> <p>Michael Jefferson</p> |
| Section 16 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 15 above.</p> <p>Mrs Wynn Loughlan</p> |
| Section 17 | <p>The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that a Safety Procedures Manual is maintained updated and that specified activities take place in accordance with that same Safety Procedures Manual.</p> <p>Michael Jefferson</p> |

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Marsland Road
Heywood Road

Winter Road

Temporary Toilets

Little Bee Public House
Car Park

Administration Block

MEN North Stand

Disabled Area

Pitch

TV Gantry

Jim Birries Stand

Temporary Disabled Toilet

Temporary Toilets

Storage

Storage

Car Park

Car Park

Clubhouse

KEY	[GB] GAS BOX	[SS] ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION	⊙ FLOODLIGHT COLUMN	* PITCH PERIMETER GATES	— PITCH PERIMETER FENCE	[Hatched] GROUND CONTROL ROOM/ PA ANNOUNCER	[Hatched] CAN BARS	[+ in dashed box] AMBULANCE POINT	[Hatched] VOMITORIES	[Hatched] M.E.N. NORTH STAND
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Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 21st September 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

Lancashire County Cricket Club – Annual Safety Report and General Safety Certificate

Summary

Annual Safety Report for Lancashire County Cricket Club and the issue of a new General Safety Certificate

Recommendation

That the report is noted

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi – Team Leader (Environmental Control & Sports Ground Safety)
Regulatory Services
Extension: 3840.

Financial Implications:	N/A
Legal Implications:	N/A
Human Resources Implications:	N/A
Asset Management Implications:	N/A
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Lancashire County Cricket Club

ANNUAL POST SEASON SPECTATOR SAFETY REPORT

Season 2015

ANNUAL POST SEASON SPECTATOR SAFETY REPORT 2015 SEASON

Introduction

This Annual Post Season Spectator Safety Report relates to Section 6 of the Safety at Sports Grounds Act Policy Statement 2011

The Report identifies, where possible, in chronological sequence the issues associated with all aspects of spectator safety within and under the control of LCCC Safety Management throughout the 2015 Cricket Season.

The Safety Management Team

The Safety Management Team remained constant during the 2015 County Cricket Season.

For the major portion of the cricket season, Mr. Anthony Mundy assumed the role of Designated Premises Supervisor.

Mr Adam Pearson's role was amended and he became the Club Events and Partnerships Manager with a dual responsibility split between Safety Management and the Commercial progression.

Mrs Lucy Hayes has now successfully attained Level 4 NVQ status in Spectator Safety Management.

The Club acknowledges the contribution made by the enforcement officers of Trafford Council whose support is invaluable.

Review of the Progress of the Aims and Objectives for 2015 Season

The stated Aim and Objective for the 2015 cricket season were:

Objectives

1. The successful hosting of major concert events during the year to the expected capacity of 50,000 persons
2. The successful implementation of 'Friday Night Live' initiative to expand and compliment the hosting of the newly launched NatWest Blast t20 competition.
3. To successfully progress with a 'Police Free' International fixture

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Progress

1. The Club hosted a single outdoor concert during the 2015 summer season, Foo Fighters performing in front of a crowd of 46,898 spectators on Wednesday 27th May. This concert was heralded as a success by the promoter and the vast majority of those who attended.

The club has identified a need for the Sound Footprint of the stadium to be reviewed for future events as the development of the Hilton Garden Inn Emirates Old Trafford will potentially impact on the present situation with possible adverse effects on local residents.

The Foo Fighters event did not breach the present Premises Licence conditions and the Club undertakes to maintain this situation after the above mentioned development for future events held at the ground.

There were no incidents of disorder recorded during the event and the number of persons requiring first aid treatment was well below the anticipated figure for an event and crowd such as this at 34 persons with no serious injuries recorded although two persons were taken to hospital from the audience and later released. Of note is that one steward suffered a cardiac arrest during the event and was revived by the actions of, firstly police officers, and subsequently the duty doctor who administered a total of 6 defibrillator shocks and prescription medication prior to the patient being taken to hospital. We are pleased to confirm that the steward has made a full recovery and is now back at work.

2. The NatWest Blast series of games was supported by a Friday Night Live initiative which incorporated performances by In House bands provided from the resources of, the now defunct, Xfm who performed during the innings interval and after the final ball of each home game of the competition.

Again, this has been hailed as a success by both the Club and the sponsor of the event, Xfm.

There were no incidents of disorder or reported first aid issues during any of these mini-concert periods.

3. The Club had the intention of further extending the successful hosting of low risk international fixtures as Police Free. However, after representations by the England and Wales Cricket Board, this was deemed to be inappropriate during this season. The Club will, however, continue in its pursuit of this initiative with a goal of reducing costs and the reliance on an over-stretched Police service for future Low Risk International fixtures.

Conclusion

The Club Management are satisfied that they have suitably demonstrated to the Regulatory Authority that they have successfully attained the Aims and Objectives set.

Pre-Season Issues

Terrorist and Security Issues

As in previous years, National Terrorist and Security issues prior to and during the 2015 season were considered as an integral part of the planning process for events at Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground.

The season commenced and continued throughout with the 'Threat Level' at 'Severe' and all operations were carried out commensurate with this level.

The Club continues its association with GMP Counter Terrorism Unit and Dedicated Search Unit and NaCTSO with whom several planning and information meetings took place and advice sought and acted upon in relation not only to sporting and other events at the stadium but also in relation to the on-going redevelopment of the site.

As has been the case in previous years, the Club requested the services of GMP POLSA teams to conduct searches of the Players Dressing Rooms and the voids under the temporary stands prior to the International t20 fixture and the 2 x One Day International games to ensure, as far as possible, the safety of all within the stadium.

Pre-match/event liaison with agencies

Lancashire County Cricket Club Safety Management continued close liaison with the police and other relevant agencies prior to every match and event hosted at the stadium.

Match Day Security Strategy

The Match Day Security Strategy continued to improve during the 2015 season with the continued development of the computerised Event Management System. Nominated officers of Trafford Council have full access to this system..

Liaison with the Local Authority, Emergency Services and Security Services continued and enabled the club to continue business, whatever the risks.

Stadium Capacity Issues

A temporary stand was erected to facilitate crowd attendance for both the international t20, England vs New Zealand, approximately 2,000 seats, and extended further for the 2 x One Day International games, England vs Australia. The stand had an ultimate capacity in excess of 5,500 persons but was used only for the international fixtures.

The stand was considered a successful investment by the Club and a similar construction will be considered for the test and t20 matches of 2016, England vs Pakistan.

Annual Ground Inspection and Equipment Testing Reports.

The stadium, as required, was subject to all the required safety checks as detailed in the document Safety Procedures and Contingency Plans.

Appropriate safety checks were also carried out by the club's own maintenance department as required by the Safety Procedures Manual.

All certificates were forwarded to Trafford Borough Council prior to the issue of the General Safety Certificate for 2015 by the Authority.

The Private Security Industry Act 2001 and the Security Industry Authority (S.I.A.)

Lancashire County Cricket Club complies fully with the requirements of the PSIA 2001.

Our exclusive agreement for the provision of Security services over and above those provided 'In House', with G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited continued during 2015 and included a proportion of the Car Parking operations and event gate supervision and site supervision.

As indicated earlier in this report, the Club continued to employ a number of 'In House' stewards during the 2015 season. The Club, although via exemption are not required to employ SIA badged stewards in licenced areas of the ground, continued to ensure that all stewards placed in an enforcement role were so qualified and intend to retain this requirement.

The Club undertook to train all non-qualified stewards and a number of Conference and Events and Guest Services staff to NVQ Level two in both Spectator Safety and Customer Service. This training process has been successfully with all candidates attaining their awards. The following observation was made by the Assessors *"Both of us were very impressed with those we came into contact with. They were an absolute credit to the club in their attitude and professionalism. The stewarding and support team in the Pavilion are as good as any we have worked with at other high profile venues."*

Contracted Stewards

G4S continued to provide all of the clubs stewarding and security needs in support of the In House staff outlined above.

G4S is regulated by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

The size of the company enabled it to provide its own in house training by qualified instructors, in compliance with the Private Security Industry Act 2001.

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The company delivered, as a minimum, training and qualification to Level 3 for all Supervisors and to Level 2 of the National Qualification Framework for General Stewards.

No Smoking Policy

All the stadium seated areas are designated as No Smoking. This extended policy has been successfully introduced to the stadium for all cricket events and extends and complements the requirements dictated by Regulations. The Club maintains the prohibition of E-Cigarettes in anticipation of any further legal requirements. This extended prohibition continues to be universally accepted by our customers.

Risk Assessments

Generic Match Day Risk Assessments

The Safety Management Team constantly reviews all aspects of Risk Assessment at the stadium. However particular cognisance is paid prior to the start of each Cricket season to the Generic Risk Assessments for the forthcoming year and amendments are made where particular issues are highlighted.

Specific Match/Event Risk Assessments

As in the previous season, every match and event had specific risk assessments completed. These were published via the Electronic Management System to which Trafford Borough Council's Public Protection Department Officers have immediate access

The classification used for Risk Assessment is simple and accepted by both the police and Trafford Borough Council.

Risk Classification: **CS** – Lowest. **A** - Low. **B** - Medium. **C** - High.

All the events and matches attracted one of the above specific classifications.

Using the system of risk assessment and management prior to the commencement of the season, negotiations took place with the police on which games and events would attract a police presence. These were confirmed as follows:

The NatWest t20 Match between England and New Zealand, 23rd June 2015.

The 3rd and 5th Royal London One Day International fixtures between England and Australia on 8th and 13th September 2015.

As stated earlier in this document, both the Club and the local Police agreed that there was no requirement for a police presence during the NatWest t20 fixture between England and New Zealand, however, after considerable pressure from the ECB and National Police Coordination to employ Police, this was done at the expense of the ECB.

Stadium Usage

A full complement of fixtures took place at Emirates Old Trafford. This included 7 LV=CC Division two fixtures with one game being played at Southport. The latter fixture does not form part of this report as not being under the control of Trafford Licensing. 2 Royal London One Day Cup fixtures were played at Emirates Old Trafford, a further two being played at Blackpool and Liverpool respectively. All 7 home games in the NatWest Blast t20 competition were played at Emirates Old Trafford.

The stadium arena was in use for a total of 44 days throughout the year for cricket matches which are listed below.

Cricket Events

The calendar year saw a varied programme of cricket games at Emirates Old Trafford with the total number of days allocated being 45. One game concluded a day early reducing the days of use to 44 for cricket events

The weather was not as friendly as the previous year with only 22 full days of play being held at Emirates Old Trafford with the others either being delayed or interrupted by rain.

The continued regulation from the ECB to allow the use of floodlights during LV=CC games assisted in allowing 10 days play to progress when otherwise they may have been further curtailed by bad light.

NatWest t20, England v New Zealand

This game was played on Tuesday 23rd June 2015.

The entire stadium was made available for occupation by customers including the temporary structure nominated as D stand housing in excess of 2,000 persons.

A total of 15,672 persons attended the fixture.

A police presence was employed totalling 8 officers of various ranks and designated duties. No arrests were made.

Due to the nature of the event and the requirements of the ECB a large stewarding presence was employed for this game although spectator behaviour was excellent. Only 2 persons were ejected during the event, for breach of the Conditions of Entry, anti-social behaviour issues.

No persons were treated by the medical team during the event

3rd and 5th Royal London One Day Internationals, England v Australia

These games were played on Tuesday 8th and Sunday 13th September 2015.

The entire stadium was again made available for spectator occupation on these days, D stand having been extended to host in excess of 5,500 spectators.

The games passed without incident. 17 persons were treated by 1st Aid personnel during the 3rd ODI and 12 during the 5th, all for minor ailments although one person was taken to hospital during the 3rd ODI for observations after a suspected TIA. He was subsequently released and allowed to go home.

The Stewarding operation responded to the requirements of the ICC and ECB and their presence prevented any breaches of the protocols required by the governing bodies. 5 persons were ejected for breaches of the Conditions of Entry during the 3rd ODI with 1 arrest for possession of a Class A drug, No persons were ejected from the ground during the 5th ODI.

A police presence was employed on both these days.

Domestic Cricket Events

Throughout the 2015 season, Lancashire County Cricket Club took part in the domestic Second Division of the League Championship (LV=CC), the Royal London One Day Cup (RLODC) and the NatWest Blast t20 competition.

On the field of play things proved to be more successful than that of the previous season with promotion to the first division of the LV=CC being confirmed with two games still to play. The Championship eluded the team however with Lancashire finishing second to Surrey in the final table.

In the RL50 one day cup the team failed to emerge from the group stages.

In the NatWest Blast t20 Competition the team qualified through to Finals day and progressed to win the competition for the first time in the Clubs history.

Members Representative Group

The Board of Directors sanctioned the establishment of a Members Representative Group during the early days of the 2015 season and this was subsequently formed with appointed members representing the views of various sections of the membership, including the Disabled and Youth.

A number of meetings have been held by this group and subsequently between the Group and members of the Board and the Chief Executive and Operations team.

The group is in its infancy, but the benefits of a direct route between the management of the club and the members is being felt even at this early stage.

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Conclusions

Once again all those involved with the Stadium Safety Management have experienced an extremely busy, varied and challenging year.

The overall spectator attendance for cricket games hosted at the stadium in 2015 was 133,907.

Excluding international cricket matches the total attendance for domestic games was 83,268 spectators.

If we break down the attendances for the 2 One Day / Limited Overs competitions, we find that a total of 45,868 persons attended the t20 games and 4,529 the RLODC competition.

Both the stewarding and event day medical operations are constantly monitored to ensure that the exacting standards previously attained are maintained and, where possible, further improved.

Liaison and co operation with the Local Authority, Police, Fire and Rescue, and Health Authorities continued and relationships are strong and areas of responsibility are clear.

The liaison with the local Police has continued to be strong and the sharing of information has proved to be advantageous to both parties. During 2015 the police, by agreement, were present the international fixtures. We continue our 'open door' policy for members of the management and Special Events Office to attend any fixture to monitor and advise as they see fit. We expect this arrangement to continue into and beyond the 2016 season.

11 persons were ejected from the ground during the season for a variety of breaches of the Conditions of Entry to the ground and Ground Regulations with one person being arrested, as outlined above, during the 3rd ODI game.

Throughout the Cricket season the medical team treated a total of 75 people during match days for injuries or illnesses. Only 3 of the total number needed to be referred to hospital for further treatment and all were subsequently released to their homes.

Responsibility for Fire Prevention and Safety Regulation on match days continues to be allocated to a dedicated team from within the 'In House' and G4S stewarding presence. This process has proved to be successful with no fire alarm activations during cricket games being recorded.

All fire fighting equipment is checked by this same team on match days supported by the security team on non-match days. This process ensures that all equipment is in place and fully serviceable. Records of these checks are made and kept. The fire alarm systems are checked weekly throughout the year to ensure their efficiency supported by unannounced drills.

Annual Post-Season Spectator Safety Report 2015

As previously mentioned training will always remain a foundation of the Lancashire County Cricket Club match day safety management policy.

Match day Incident Reports submitted by safety personnel add to the extensive match day information available to Lancashire County Cricket Club safety management ensuring effective monitoring, assessment and resolution, where necessary, of issues associated with spectator safety.

We continue with our commitment to sharing information with Trafford Borough Council and allow officers real time access to relevant sections of the Lancashire County Cricket Club Event Management Portal which allows the officials of the Council to interrogate information relating to events without the need to contact individuals at the Club. This process has focused the needs of both the Club and Trafford Borough Council to inform and direct improvements in safety and business development.

Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA)

The SGSA did not visit the stadium during the 2015 season having previously visited during the 2014 season and found that the facilities of the club to deal with the hoisting of major cricket matches being some of the best in the country.

Objective for 2016

The Safety Management team at Lancashire County Cricket Club has set the following objectives for 2016.

1. The successful hosting of domestic and International cricket to the expected capacity of up to 20,000 persons during the redevelopment phase of the Hilton Garden Inn, Emirates Old Trafford.
2. The successful hosting of major concert events during the year to the expected capacity of 50,000 persons during the redevelopment phase of the Hilton Garden Inn, Emirates Old Trafford.
3. Continued development of the Members Representative Group so that a firm liaison and purpose can be established to the benefit of the Club and members.

Daniel Gidney

Chief Executive Officer
Lancashire County Cricket Club Limited



GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

2016

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975
AS AMENDED**

SPORTS GROUND FOR WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED

**EMIRATES OLD TRAFFORD
TALBOT ROAD
OLD TRAFFORD
MANCHESTER
M16 0PX**

HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB LIMITED

OCCUPIER OF THE SPORTS GROUND

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB LIMITED

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975 AS AMENDED

GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

EMIRATES OLD TRAFFORD

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 and all other enabling powers, Trafford Council as local authority for the area in which the above Sports Ground (shown on the plan attached hereto) is situated, hereby issue to Lancashire County Cricket Club Limited this General Safety Certificate in respect of Emirates Old Trafford, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Trafford, Greater Manchester, M16 0PX, which has been designated by Order of the Secretary of State as a Sports Ground requiring a Safety Certificate.
2. This General Safety Certificate replaces the preceding General Safety Certificate issued by Trafford Council which ceases to have effect on the date hereof.
3. This General Safety Certificate is issued only in respect of the use of the Sports Ground for the playing of Cricket Matches attended by spectators (The Specified Activity).
4. This General Safety Certificate is issued subject to the terms and conditions appearing herein, which the Council consider necessary or expedient to secure reasonable safety at the Sports Ground when it is used for the Specified Activity and Specified Activity shall not take place unless the said terms and conditions are complied with in all respects.
5. The Holder shall notify the Council in writing of any change in circumstance affecting this Certificate, or any term or condition subject to which it is granted, including a change in personnel designated under this certificate, and shall do so whenever reasonably practicable before any change of circumstance, and in any event, within 48 hours of the circumstance coming to the attention of the holder, or any of his servants or agents.

6. This Certificate does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bye-law or regulation other than under Section 1(3)(a) of the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975, as amended.
7. The Holder shall produce and maintain a written Safety Procedures Manual setting out the policies and procedures for complying with the terms and conditions within this certificate.
8. The Holder shall at all times comply with the policies and procedures set out in the Lancashire County Cricket Club (L.C.C.C.) Safety Procedures Manual, which must not be amended without giving 21 days prior notification to Trafford Council.
9. The words and expressions used in this General Safety Certificate shall have the meanings assigned to them by the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975 as amended and the Definition Section of the L.C.C.C. Safety Procedures Manual, and in event of any conflict between the meanings hereby assigned the meaning in the Act shall prevail.
10. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for the production and implementation of Lancashire County Cricket Club's Safety Policy for the specified activities.
11. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 10 above.
12. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for all operational safety personnel employed, contracted or invited to undertake a safety role in connection with the specified activities.
13. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 12 above.
14. The Holders shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that all building structures, building services and equipment are provided and maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfill their required function.

15. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 14 above.
16. The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that a Safety Procedures Manual is maintained, updated, and that specified activities take place in accordance with that same Safety Procedures Manual.
17. The Holder shall designate a person who, having the title of Safety Officer shall have final responsibility for suspending play for non-sporting reasons during all matches (unless control has been passed to the Police Ground Commander).
18. The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 17 above.
19. The Holder shall ensure that the persons described in Conditions 10 to 18 (inclusive) above are afforded such authority as is commensurate with their responsibilities and shall ensure that those persons discharge their responsibilities under this certificate.
20. The Holder shall notify Trafford Council of the names of the persons designated under conditions 10 – 18 (inclusive).
21. The Holder shall ensure that the maximum number of spectators admitted at any one time to the whole ground shall not exceed 24,000 (Twenty Four Thousand).
22. The Holder shall ensure that the maximum number of spectators admitted at any one time to parts of the ground shall not exceed the capacities set out within the L.C.C.C. Safety Procedures Manual.
23. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary for the reasonable safety of spectators.
24. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary to ensure reasonable crowd control.
25. The Holder shall take such precautions as may be necessary to ensure reasonable stewarding of spectators.

26. The Holder shall ensure that all Stewards employed at the sports ground shall be trained and assessed to a level 2 stewarding qualification within the National Qualification Framework, or be undergoing such training. No steward shall be deployed at the ground until they have undertaken all aspects of the familiarisation and induction training covered by the induction module of the Training Package for Stewarding at football grounds (as amended for cricket grounds).
No steward shall work unaccompanied until they have completed all aspects of the training set out in modules 1 (General Responsibilities), and 2 (Maintenance of a Safe Environment) of the Football Authorities' Training Package for Stewarding at football grounds (as amended for cricket grounds) and have attended 4 matches as a steward. All stewards shall complete their training, assessment and qualification within 12 months thereafter.
27. The Holder shall ensure that all reasonable policing requirements determined by Greater Manchester Police are provided for.
28. The Holder shall ensure that all means of ingress and egress are maintained, effective and unobstructed.
29. The Holder shall ensure that all building structures, building services and equipment are maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfil their required function.
30. The Holder shall ensure that all reasonable fire safety precautions are taken to prevent the outbreak, spread and effects on spectators of fire.
31. The Holder shall ensure that a reasonable level of medical/first aid facilities are available at the ground, throughout any specified activity, to relieve the immediate suffering of persons injured or taken ill at the ground.
32. The Holder shall ensure that such evidence is made available as will enable Trafford Council to satisfactory audit L.C.C.C. safety management for compliance with the terms and conditions within this Safety Certificate.

33. The Holder shall take reasonable steps to control the supply and consumption of alcohol at the Sports Ground to ensure it does not give rise to concerns for the safety of spectators.

Dated the **2016**

Signed.....

Helen Jones
Deputy Chief Executive
Trafford Council
Town Hall
Talbot Road
Trafford
M32 0TH

General Safety Certificate Designated Persons

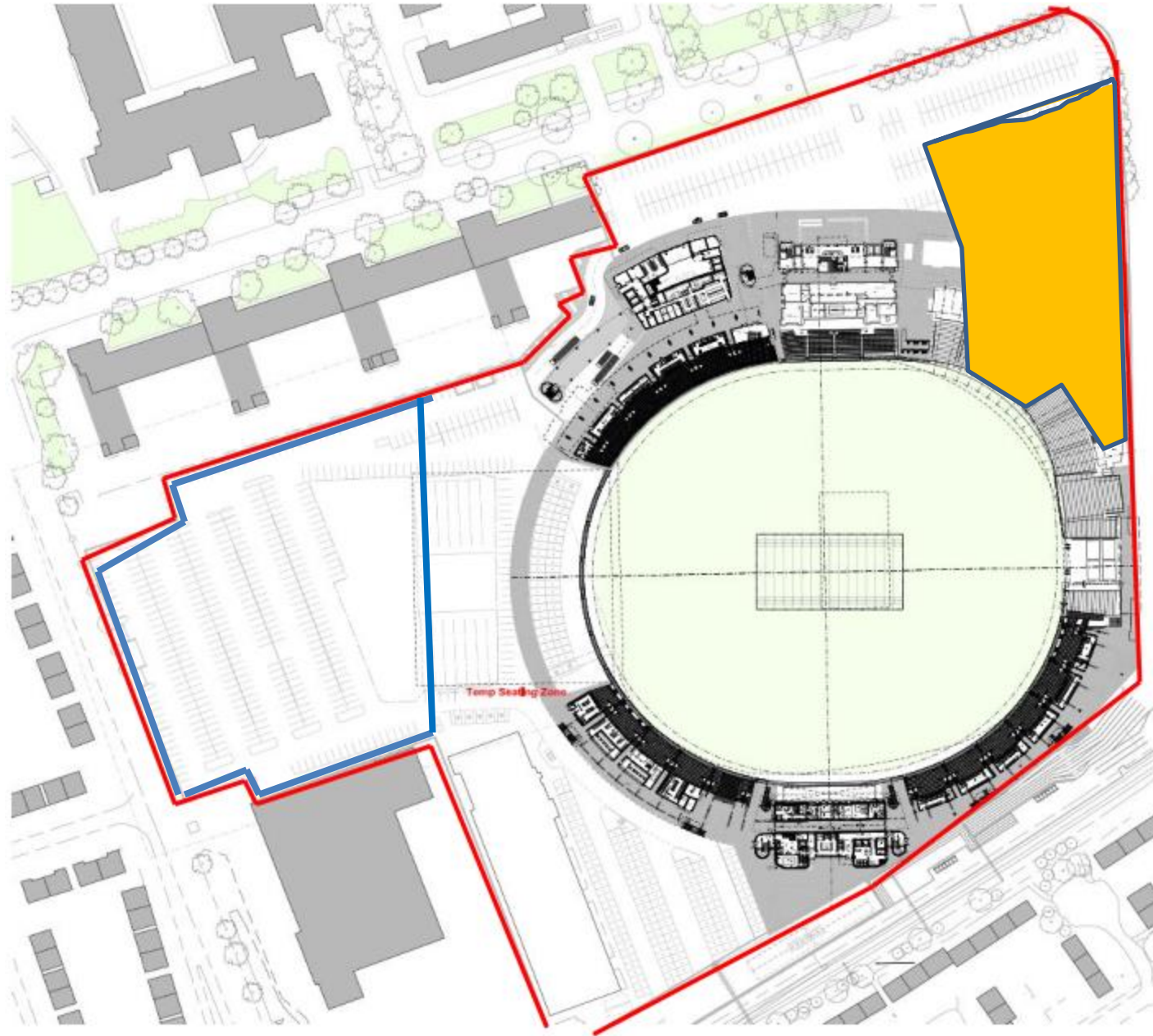
The following persons are designated, by Lancashire County Cricket Club, under the authority of the GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE issued by Trafford Council under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 as amended.

The 'Holder' of the GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE is:
Lancashire County Cricket Club Ltd.

- Section 10** The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for the production and implementation of Lancashire County Cricket Club's Safety Policy for the specified activities.
Mr. Anthony Mundy
- Section 11** The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 10 above.
Mr. Ian Aspey
- Section 12** The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for all operational safety personnel employed, contracted or invited to undertake a safety role in connection with the specified activities.
Mr. Ian Aspey
- Section 13** The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 12 above.
Mr. Dan Brown
- Section 14** The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that all building structures, building services and equipment are provided and maintained in such a manner that they safely fulfil their required function.
Mr. Anthony Mundy
- Section 15** The Holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 14 above.
Mr. Dan Brown
- Section 16** The Holder shall designate a person who shall have executive responsibility for ensuring that a Safety Procedures Manual is maintained updated and that specified activities take place in accordance with that same Safety Procedures Manual.
Mr. Ian Aspey
- Section 17** The Holder shall designate a person who, having the title of Safety Officer, shall have final responsibility for suspending play for non- sporting reasons during all matches (unless control has been passed to the Police Ground Commander).
Mr. Ian Aspey
- Section 18** The holder shall designate a person who shall deputise for the person described in 17 above.
Mr. Anthony Mundy

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Emirates Old Trafford, General Safety Certificate Ground Plan 2016



Area Designated as 'No Amplified Music'



Hotel Redevelopment area

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee

Date: 21st September 2016

Report for: Information

Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

The Report presented to the Safety Advisory Group Meeting held on the 28th April 2016 in connection with the Rihanna Concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground on Wednesday 29th June 2016

Summary

Application for a Special Safety Certificate to hold a pop concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground

Recommendation

That the attached Report be Noted

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi

Extension: 3840

Background Papers

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

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety Advisory Group
Date: 28th April 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

The Rihanna Concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground on Wednesday 29th June 2016

Summary

Application for a Special Safety Certificate to hold a pop concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground

Recommendation

The issue of the Special Safety Certificate subject to the prior receipt of all necessary documentation and the satisfactory implementation of agreed controls.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi
Extension: 3840

Background Papers

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

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

RIHANNA CONCERT

29th JUNE 2016

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, as amended, an application for a Special Safety Certificate has been received from Lancashire County Cricket Club Plc (The Club). This application has been made for a proposed pop concert to be held on the 29th June 2016 at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground.
- 1.2 The Club currently holds a Premises Licence issued by the Council under the Licensing Act 2003. The Premises Licence authorises all the Regulated Entertainment, including music and singing, which will be taking place during the concert.

2. CONCERT DETAILS

- 2.1 The main act will be Rihanna and will be supported by two acts, known as 'Big Sean' and 'The Weekend'.
- 2.2 The concert is anticipated to have a maximum attendance of 30,000 based upon current ticket sales as of the 10th March 2016.
- 2.3. The access between designated areas will be restricted and will be managed by stewards.
- 2.3 The Stadium gates will open at 16.00 hours and the supporting acts are planned to commence at 18.00 with the main act at 20.30 hours. As with previous concerts the standard curfew will come into effect from 22.30 hours.
- 2.4 The audience profile is 16 – 30 age group, with a 60/40 female/male split.
- 2.5 Under the terms of the Special Safety Certificate, a Special Safety Procedures Manual will be produced by the Club and submitted to the Council.
- 2.6 The first in a series of multi-agency meetings was held on 14th March 2016 between the Club, promoters, Police, associated agencies and officers of the Council to consider the proposals for the concert.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the application for a Special Safety Certificate be approved, subject to all necessary documentation being submitted and the implications of that documentation being in place before, during and after the event, to the satisfaction of the Chairman of the Safety at Sports Grounds Safety Advisory Group.

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 21st September 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

The Report presented to the Safety Advisory Group Meeting held on the 28th April 2016 in connection with the Beyoncé Concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground on Tuesday 5th July 2016

Summary

Application for a Special Safety Certificate to hold a pop concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground

Recommendation

That the attached Report be Noted

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi
Extension: 3840

Background Papers

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

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety Advisory Group
Date: 28th April 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

**The Beyoncé Concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground on Tuesday
5th July 2016**

Summary

**Application for a Special Safety Certificate to hold a pop concert at the
Lancashire County Cricket Ground**

Recommendation

**The issue of the Special Safety Certificate subject to the prior receipt of all
necessary documentation and the satisfactory implementation of agreed
controls.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi
Extension: 3840

Background Papers

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

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

BEYONCE CONCERT

5th July 2016

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, as amended, an application for a Special Safety Certificate has been received from Lancashire County Cricket Club Plc (The Club). This application has been made for a proposed pop concert to be held on the 5th July 2016 at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground.
- 1.2 The Club currently holds a Premises Licence issued by the Council under the Licensing Act 2003. The Premises Licence authorises all the Regulated Entertainment, including music and singing, which will be taking place during the concert.

2. CONCERT DETAILS

- 2.1 The main act will be Beyonce and will be supported by two supporting acts to be confirmed.
- 2.2 The capacity of the concert is limited to 50,000 and it is expected that all tickets will be sold.
- 2.3. The access between designated areas will be restricted and will be managed by stewards.
- 2.3 The Stadium gates will open at 16.00 hours and the event will begin at 17.30 hours with the main act at 20.15 hours. As with previous concerts the standard curfew will come into effect from 22.30 hours.
- 2.4 The audience profile is 16 – 30 age group, with a 60/40 female/male split.
- 2.5 Under the terms of the Special Safety Certificate, a Special Safety Procedures Manual will be produced by the Club and submitted to the Council.
- 2.6 The first in a series of multi-agency meetings was held on 14th March 2016 between the Club, Promoters, Police, Associated Agencies and Officers of the Council to consider the proposals for the concert.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the application for a Special Safety Certificate be approved, subject to all necessary documentation being submitted and the implications of that documentation being in place before, during and after the event, to the satisfaction of the Chairman of the Safety at Sports Grounds Safety Advisory Group.

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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 21st September 2016
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 Tuesday 8th March 2016.

Summary

Report describing the annual match visit 2016.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi
Extension: 3840

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 Tuesday 8th March 2016 for the re arranged League fixture, Altrincham FC v Gateshead 19.45 kick off.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. Councillor Paul Lally (Chairman) attended with Council Officers Iain Veitch and Tony Bibi. They were met and welcomed by Derek Wilshaw, Club Secretary and Tony Mossman, Club Safety Officer.
- 2.2. The party was invited to undertake a walking tour of the Stadium, both internally and externally.
- 2.3. The tour included the new community hall and an assessment of the facilities offered to the local community and the successful beneficial impact it had provided to both the Club and it's users. The tour was completed with a circuit of the terracing and observation of the segregation barriers and planned improvements.
- 2.4. The match ended in a three goals to two defeat for Altrincham and was attended by a very small contingent of 15 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.

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 21st September 2016
Report for: Information.
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

The Annual Match Visit of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee.

Summary

Report describing the annual match visit to Manchester United Football Club on Saturday 16th April 2016 at the match against Aston Villa.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Tony Bibi
Extension: 3840

Background Papers: None

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ADVISORY GROUP

ANNUAL MATCH VISIT MANCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Each football season the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee is invited to carry out a match visit to Manchester United Football Club (MUFC). This season's visit took place on Saturday 16th April at the Premier League fixture, Manchester United versus Aston Villa.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. Councillor Paul Lally, Chairman of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee and Councillor Matthew Sephton, attended with Council Officers Helen Jones, Iain Veitch, and Tony Bibi. The Group were greeted on arrival by Alan Dawson Group Operations Director, Gary Hebblewhite Head of Group Property Services, and Guy Smith Director of Venue Operations.
- 2.2. The programme for the visit commenced with a visit to the bowl of the stadium where the party were advised about disability seating and carer requirements and the future planned provision to meet the requirements of the Premier League. In addition, discussions included planned improvements to extend and improve the Control Room as well as highlighting the seating segregation for the away fans at the day's fixture.
- 2.3. The party then attended the match day stewards briefing for the steward supervisors which was presented by Phil Rainford (Head of Stadium Safety and Security) and his deputy Jon Hornby. The match was designated as a category 'A' risk rating with 1400 away fans due to attend, it was emphasised that there was a need to be focussed because the away fans behaviour could not be predicted if their club were confirmed to be relegated from the Premier League, at the end of the game. The usual match day controls were in place and awareness was further raised as regards alcohol sales, suspect packages, safety procedures for pyrotechnic devices etc. with the emphasis of the need to be vigilant at all times.
- 2.4. Following the stewards briefing, Phil Rainford then gave a comprehensive and detailed talk on the precautions and actions taken by the Club to safeguard the stadium and visitors from terrorist security risks. The Club had increased the security checks and controls following the Paris terrorist attack in November 2015 which was clearly evident to those attending the ground e.g. increased personal searches, bag searches, use of wand scanning, the outer ring security maintained prior, during and after the game etc. Additional training as well as refresher training in security matters had also been given to stewards including the completion of on-line courses and the attendance of training sessions.

- 2.5. The Group then proceeded to the Stadium Control Room where they observed how match day safety operations are controlled by each of the relevant responsible agencies. CCTV and real time data information on spectator entry to the stadium were highlighted as effective safety controls.
- 2.6. The visiting party then walked through the ground floor concourses and observed the deployment of the stewards throughout these areas.
- 2.7. The visiting party were then welcomed by the Club to refreshments and to watch the game which ended in a 1 – 0 victory with the resultant relegation of Aston Villa from the Premier League. There were no match day safety incidents noted of any concern.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

- 3.1. That the report be noted.

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

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