

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

23 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT

Councillor Simon Thomas, in the Chair,
Councillors J. Holden and A. Whyte.

In attendance

Head of Regulatory Services (Mr. N. Smith),
Team Leader (Environmental Control & Sports Ground Safety) (Mr. T. Bibi),
Regulatory Services Manager (Environmental Health) (Ms S. Whittaker),
Environmental Health Officer (Mr. G. Dixon),
Environmental Health Officer (Mrs. N. Duckworth),
Emergency Planning Manager (Ms N. Shaw),
Solicitor (Litigation) (Ms E. Sharples),
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer (Miss N. Owen).

Also in attendance

Structural Engineer (Amey) (Mr. K. Maleki-Mostashari),
North West Ambulance Service (Mr. A. Redgrave),
Manchester United Football Club (Mr. P. Rainford),
Lancashire County Cricket Club (Mr. I. Aspey),
Lancashire County Cricket Club (Miss S. McManus).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from L. Strong (Sports Grounds Safety Authority), D. Heathcote (Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service) and Chief Inspector C. Rose, Superintendent J. Ellison, PS G. Firth and PC N McQueen,

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions from members of the public were received.

3. ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT FOR LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB 2017 AND THE RE-ISSUE OF THE GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

The Corporate Director, Place submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report for the 2017 season and the General Safety Certificate for 2018 for Lancashire County Cricket Club. 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.

The Chair thanked all those people who were involved in the One Love concert and commented that it showed how Manchester can react to tragedy and that it was a good example of multi-agency working.

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

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4. ANNUAL SAFETY REPORT FOR MANCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB 2017-18 AND THE RE-ISSUE OF THE GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

The Corporate Director, Place submitted a report presenting the Annual Safety Report for the 2017-2018 season and the General Safety Certificate for 2018/2019 for Manchester United Football Club. 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 the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate be noted.

5. REPORT REGARDING THE SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

The Corporate Director, Place submitted a report summarising the outcomes of the Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Group meeting held on 2nd November 2018.

The Sub-Committee were informed that changes had been made to the frequency of Advisory Group meetings in accordance with Sports Grounds Safety Authority recommendations. Meetings for Manchester United Football Club and Lancashire County Cricket Club would be held as bespoke separate meetings in future to discuss issues specific to each venue.

The Sub-Committee were also informed that changes had been made to some standing agenda items to promote more discussion around the topics to be considered.

Feedback regarding the new format of the meeting concluded that it had facilitated important discussion.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. REPORT REGARDING THE ANNUAL MATCH VISIT BY THE SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE TO MANCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB ON 15TH JANUARY 2018

The Corporate Director, Place submitted a report regarding the annual match visit to Manchester United Football Club on 15th January 2018 at the match against Stoke City.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.51 pm