

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 27th January 2016
Report for: Information
Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

Annual Match Visit of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee to Lancashire County Cricket Club, on Sunday 13th September 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

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL MATCH VISIT LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Each year the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee are invited to carry out a match visit to Lancashire County Cricket Club (LCCC). This year's visit took place on Sunday 13th September 2015 at the One Day International, England against Australia

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. The match was attended by Councillor Paul Lally, Chairman of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub Committee, and Councillors Andrew Western and Matthew Sephton long with Council Officer's Iain Veitch (Head of Regulatory Services) and Tony Bibi (Team Leader Pollution & Housing)
- 2.2. On entering the ground the visiting group were welcomed by Andy Smith, Chief Steward who escorted the group to view the stewarding operations and controls provided to ensure the safe entry of the spectators to the ground. In particular, the group observed the build-up of spectators at the gate for general admissions and the required bag searches which could include targeted personal searches, if it was deemed necessary. There were minimal queues with spectators safely and efficiently directed to their seats which the group observed prior to and after the starting of the match.
- 2.3. This was followed by a visit to the Event Control Room where the group observed the operational use of the advanced CCTV system and discussed safety management issues with Anthony Mundy, Director of Operations and Ian Aspey, Safety Officer during an 'open topic' exchange.
- 2.4. Following this was a further tour of the stadium, reviewing the operational Issues for an anticipated attendance of up to 19,000 for the match, with all stands, including the temporary seating structures occupied.
The group considered the following matters during the tour:
 - operation of stewarding and their management, particularly concerning access, egress, congestion points and toilets.
 - the location and assistance for disabled patrons;
 - medical and first aid arrangements;
 - food concession arrangements and litter management;
 - functioning of the temporary seating structures;

The tour concluded with discussions about match day safety arrangements and the Policing requirements.

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