

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 7th March 2018
Report for: Information
Report of: The Chief Executive

Report Title

The Radiohead Concert held at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground on Tuesday 4th July 2017

Summary

Application for a Special Safety Certificate to hold an open air concert at the Lancashire County Cricket Ground

Recommendation

That the Report be Noted

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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

RADIOHEAD CONCERT

4th July 2017

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Concert event was held due to the closure of the Manchester Arena for four months after the terrorist attack on the 22nd May 2017; and the necessary postponement of two shows which were then combined to be held at the Cricket Club at short notice, since they were able to accommodate an expected attendance of approximately 35,000.
- 1.2 The safety and security procedures and protocols were already in place, following the need to evaluate and enhance their implementation due to escalated security awareness at the time of both the Courteeners and One Love Manchester Concerts.

2. CONCERT DETAILS

- 2.1 The Concert profile was 60/40 male to female split with an age profile of 25-45 years predominantly weighted to a male audience. Gates were set to open at 17.00 hours with a licensing curfew at 22.30 to be strictly met.
- 2.2 Multi-Agency Meetings were held on the 19th and 29th June 2017. All safety and security issues were discussed with assurances that there was to be no relaxation of the controls implemented at the previous concerts albeit medical, welfare, toilet and bar configurations etc. would be designed for the reduced attendance.
- 2.3 Radiohead were supported by Oliver Coates and Junun with the headline act coming on stage at 20.00 hours. Traffic Management issues were duly addressed in terms of road closures including the provision of additional bus and trams to meet the demands at rush hour for a mid-week event and the impact of major local highway construction projects such as the new Trafford Park Metrolink works extension.
- 2.4 The Special Safety Certificate was issued on the day prior to gates opening and following structural certification of the stage and allied temporary structures.
- 2.5 The Concert was held with no reported safety concerns with positive feedback that it was successfully held. Partner agencies and stakeholders were supportive throughout the planning process of the measures implemented to ensure that safety was of paramount importance. Again, the music noise levels were effectively controlled with no noise complaints received from Trafford residents despite it being a mid-week event.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Report to be noted.