

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub Committee.
Date: 17th July 2019
Report for: Information.
Report of: Corporate Director, Place

Report Title

Report on the Safety Advisory Group Meeting Sale Rugby Football Club, March 27th 2019.

Summary

Report summarising the discussions and outcomes of Safety Advisory Group Meeting Held on the 27th March 2019

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

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Background Papers: None

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ADVISORY GROUP

Report on the Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Group Meeting For Sale Rugby Football Club 27th March 2019.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The purpose of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is to advise the local authority in respect of safety management to ensure and promote high standards of safety and security at a sports stadium. Meetings of the SAG are held several times a year as and when necessary; and in particular to review annually a stadium's General Safety Certificate. This is done using a consistent and co-ordinated multi-agency partnership approach. The SAG also advises the local authority in respect of relevant legislation and guidance whereby reports and debriefs relevant to site visits and / or inspections are presented to the SAG in relation to the issue of a General Safety Certificate.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Police Counter Terrorism Advisor, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Emergency Planning Trafford Council, AMEY - Structures, Trafford Council Legal and Democratic Services, Trafford Council Safety at Sports Grounds, Trafford Council Environmental Health and Sale Rugby Football Club.
- 2.2. An update was given to the group from Dave Hulme, Safety Officer for Sale Rugby Football Club. He informed the group that Sale play in the national first tier rugby league, and the ground is being utilised in the summer months by Swinton Lions. He updated the group on how these matches are run and how the stewards used at the games are trained. He advised the group that the club had improved facilities over the past twelve months in the hope that it would attract more spectators to the ground.
- 2.3. The local authority advised the group they had recently carried out a safety audit on the ground with a view to reviewing the safety certificate which was in place for the regulated stand which is present at the ground. This involved looking in detail at the safety manual and the certification for the physical aspects at the ground, for example, electricity, gas and structural maintenance of the stand.

- 2.4. It was recommended to the group that they issue a revised safety certificate for the ground which takes into account the new items in the Green Guide 6th Edition. The group was advised by the local authority that new guidance had been issued by Sports Grounds Safety Authority in November 2018, and the new risk based certificate would be issued to the ground. It was agreed that the certificate would be issued subject to the conditions set out in the draft certificate.
- 2.5 Sale Rugby Football Club informed the group that they would be holding a music festival on June 29th. The club was informed that this event would require a Special Safety Certificate as it did not come under the remit of the General Safety Certificate. It was agreed that the club would work with the local authority and other agencies to ensure this event was run safely with minimum impact on the local community.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

- 3.1 That the report be noted.