

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee
Date: 9th May 2013
Report for: Information
Report of: Director of Environment

Report Title

Annual Match Visit of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee to Altrincham Football Club, on Tuesday 29th January 2013.

Summary

Report describing the annual match visit 2013.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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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 the 29th January 2013 at the Blue Square Bet North League fixture, Altrincham FC v Boston United.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. Councillors Higgins, Weston and Quayle attended with Council Officers Iain Veitch and Alan Finney. They were met and welcomed by Derek Wilshaw, Club Secretary and Alison Lewis, Stadium Safety Officer.
- 2.2. It was a cold and wet evening and the party was invited to undertake a walking tour of the Stadium internally.
- 2.3. Members were taken on a tour of the ground that highlighted the commitment and voluntary support given to maintain the stadium to a good standard. The Members observed that there had been no changes to the fabric of the Stadium and ground safety, stewarding, security, and pitch security were discussed with representatives of the Club.
- 2.4. In particular, the matter of steward sharing between local club's was discussed which was proving to be a success.
- 2.5. The Members commented that the Stadium continued to be maintained in a good condition. There were no areas of concern raised as a result of the tour.
- 2.6. The match ended with a seven goals to one victory for Altrincham. The match was attended by 561 spectators of which 28 had travelled to support the visiting team.
- 2.7. Issues that were raised during the walkabout were:
 - Stewarding accreditation.
 - Steward sharing arrangements.
 - Pre-match procedures and steward briefing.
 - Control Room facilities.
 - Attendance figures.
 - Turnstile operation.
 - Visiting supporters.
 - Stadium Security.
 - Segregation.

- TV Gantry & access security.
- Manchester United reserve matches.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

- 3.1. That the report be noted.