

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Safety at Sports Grounds Sub - Committee.  
**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** The Director of Environment.

### Report Title

**Application by Lancashire County Cricket Club to amend the General Safety Certificate to enable an increase in the capacity for the 3rd Ashes Test Match, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August and One Day International 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

### Summary

**Report to increase the seating capacity of Lancashire County Cricket Ground to cover a maximum limit of 26,000.**

### Recommendation

**That the report be noted**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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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

# **Report regarding an application by Lancashire County Cricket Club to amend the General Safety Certificate to enable an increase in the capacity for the 3rd Ashes Test Match, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August and One Day International 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

## **Background**

Following the issue of a General Safety Certificate dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to Lancashire County Cricket Club, it became apparent that there was an anomaly between the actual stadium capacity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashes Test Match and that shown for the ground on the certificate.

The ground capacity approved under the said certificate was 24,151 whereas the available seating capacity for the Test Match was 25,477.

The Club accepted that the figure in the certificate was communicated by them to the Council and was then subsequently included as a capacity condition of the approved certificate.

## **Summary**

The Club sought to apply to increase the ground capacity to 26,000 so that the additional seating installed for the Test Match could be included in a new General Safety Certificate with a small additional contingency provision to cover any deviation for any further events. The Club were satisfied that they could meet the proposed increase in capacity and that safety would not be compromised.

Guidance requires that changes in capacity should be considered by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), however due to the limited time to be able to arrange for SAG to meet to discuss the proposal prior to the Test Match, it was considered expedient to seek the views of members of the SAG by e-mail.

Members of SAG were required to raise any concerns regarding the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate, incorporating the amended capacity limit within 5 working days.

## **Conclusion**

No concerns were raised in connection with the increased capacity and an amended General Safety Certificate was issued on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

## **Recommendation**

The report to be noted for documentation purposes.