

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub – Committee
Date: 23rd April 2015
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 Saturday 9th August 2014.

Summary

Report describing the annual match visit by Members 2014.

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 Saturday 9th August, 2014 at the Test Match, England against India.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1. The match was attended by Councillor Paul Lally, Chairman of the Safety at Sports Grounds Sub Committee, along with Council Officer's Joe Marriott and Tony Bibi.
- 2.2. On arrival at 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 personal searches, if 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 ground's CCTV system and discussed safety issues with Anthony Mundy, Director of Operations and Ian Aspey, Safety Officer. They provided an overview of the venues safety controls and in particular, provided feedback on the customer related issues and media reporting difficulties that arose because of the delayed postponement of the previous days play, caused by a heavy shower which caused flooding to the outfield. This resulted in approximately 7,000 spectators remaining in the ground from mid-afternoon to await the outcome of umpire's pitch inspections until a decision was made to stop play for the day at approximately 17.40 hours.
- 2.4. Following this the tour of the stadium continued, reviewing the operational issues for an anticipated attendance of up to 19,000 to be for the match, with all stands, including the temporary seating structures occupied.

The group reviewed the following arrangements 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 at the ground.

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