

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee

Date: 24 September 2015

Report for: Information

Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive

Report Title

The Foo Fighters Concert at Lancashire County Cricket Club on Wednesday 27th May 2015.

Summary

Report on the Foo Fighters Pop Concert Event

Recommendation

That the Report be noted

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Background Papers: None

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB EMIRATES OLD TRAFFORD

FOO FIGHTERS CONCERT

27th MAY 2015

BACKGROUND

In accordance with The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, as amended, an application for a Special Safety Certificate was received from Lancashire County Cricket Club, to hold a Pop Concert on the 27th May 2015 at the Emirates Old Trafford Stadium.

Following close liaison between the Club, Police, Trafford Council and the Promoter and key members of the Multi-Agency Group at planned meetings, a Special Safety Certificate was duly granted.

The Concert featured the Foo Fighters with two supporting acts and was considered to be successful, in terms of ensuring crowd safety, since the event was held without any serious incident due to the management procedures and controls implemented.

SUMMARY

The capacity of the Concert was limited by ticket sales to 50,000.

There was the standard curfew in place of 22.30 hours to meet the requirements of the premises licence.

The audience profile was typically in the 16 – 40 age group with a 60/40 male/female split.

Under the terms of the Special Safety Certificate, a Special Safety Procedures Manual was produced and submitted by Lancashire County Cricket Club prior to the issuing of the Certificate. This was the first concert, since the completion of major redevelopment works at the ground which also incorporated a change in the location of the stage and its angle of orientation, as well as the provision of a new means of egress beneath the hotel.

The concert passed without any serious safety implications within the stadium with egress by spectators observed to be occurring in a controlled and orderly manner.

The monitoring of noise levels was undertaken by both Trafford Council and the Club's own acoustic consultants Vanguardia. Although the monitoring verified that the noise levels were compliant with the Premises Licence conditions, higher than expected numbers of complaints were received. This was attributed to a combination of climatic conditions, stage location and the recent development of the ground. It is proposed the future noise climate will be reviewed for future concerts to assess the provision of appropriate mitigation that may be required.

RECOMMENDATION

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