

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Non-Statutory Licensing Committee

8 July 2020

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| Report title | Sports Ground Safety Advisory Group – Policy for sports ground safety and Molineux stadium terms of reference. | |
| Wards affected | All | |
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| Report to be/has been considered by | N/A | |

Recommendation for decision:

The Non-Statutory Licensing Committee is recommended to:

1. Approve the amended Molineux Stadium Safety Advisory Groups constitution and term of reference.

Recommendations for noting:

The Non-Statutory Licensing Committee is asked to note:

1. The managing safety at sports grounds policy and that it has been subject to consultation.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the new terms of reference and policy document in relation to managing safety at sports grounds.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In the Final Report of the inquiry into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster, the then Lord Justice Taylor recommended that:
- The Safety Advisory Group “terms of reference should encompass all matters concerned with crowd safety and should require regular visits to the ground and attendance at matches. The Advisory Group should have a chairman from the local authority, and effective procedures. Its resolutions should be recorded and it should be required to produce regular reports for consideration by the local authority”.
- 2.2 The Sports Grounds Safety Authority has also recommended, among other matters that Council’s consider written policy statements identifying the specific responsibilities of particular individuals or groups of staff and the Safety Advisory Group should be properly constituted and have written terms of reference with effective procedures
- 2.3 The role of the Sports Ground Safety Advisory Group is to act as a specialist forum to consider issues relating to the safety of those present during an event and to advise the Council in order that appropriate decisions can be made in relation to safety.

3.0 Policy

- 3.1 The Molineux Stadium Safety Advisory Group is a multi-agency group established to provide specialist advice to the Council regarding the terms and conditions included within the Safety Certificate and on-going compliance with the Certificate. The terms of reference is attached at appendix A.
- 3.2 The managing safety at sports grounds policy aims to ensure that all people are protected from physical harm or injury at qualifying sports grounds. The policy document is attached at Appendix B.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act 1987 place statutory duties on the City Of Wolverhampton Council (the

council) in relation to the certification of certain qualifying sports grounds and the monitoring of compliance of those certificates.

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6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Climate change and environmental implications

7.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Covid Implications

8.1 There are no direct Covid-19 implications arising from this report. At the time of writing the report, sports ground had been allowed to open 'behind closed doors'.

9.0 Schedule of background papers

9.1 None