

Report to:	Licencing & Regulatory (Urgent Referrals)	Date of Meeting:	1 August 2017
Subject:	Re-issuing of Safety Certificates for the Main Grandstand and the Jack Carr Stand – Southport Football Club		
Report of:	S Barnes - Chief Planning Officer	Wards Affected:	Kew
Cabinet Portfolio:	Planning & Building Control		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes / No	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes / No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

Safety Certificates for two viewing grandstands at Southport FC's Haig Avenue stadium need to be re-issued following the appointment of a new Club Chairman

Recommendation

That Members agree to grant new General Safety Certificate's for the Main Grandstand and for the Jack Carr Stand at Southport FC's Haig Avenue stadium.

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To ensure that Southport Football Club has a valid Safety Certificate for each of its two 'regulated' grandstands and that both the Club and the Council comply with the requirements of the Fire Safety and Safety at Places of Sport Act 1987

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs - nil

(B) Capital Costs - nil

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None
Legal Implications: None
Equality Implications: None

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

N/A

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD4762/17) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council.

Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD4046/17) has been consulted and has no comments on the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultations with Merseyside Police, Fire Brigade and NW Ambulance Services have been undertaken.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

- Draft Safety Certificate for the Main Grandstand
- Draft Safety Certificate for the Jack Carr Stand

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Southport FC's stadium in Haig Avenue contains two 'regulated' grandstands, namely the Main Grandstand and the Jack Carr Stand. In accordance with the Fire Safety and Safety at Places Sports Act 1987 the Club has previously been granted Safety Certificate for each of those stands.
- 1.2 Once issued, Safety Certificates remain valid until such time as there is a material, physical alteration to the fabric of the stand, or there is an amendment to any club official named within the Certificate. In such circumstance, Safety Certificates have to be re-issued in order to reflect the change in circumstance.
- 1.3 After the conclusion the 2016/17 season, James Treadwell was appointed new Club Chairman for Southport FC and as the Chairman is the named 'holder of the Certificate', both Certificates will need to be re-issued. The re-issued Certificates will need to be in place before the start of the 2017/18 season in order to allow both grandstands to be used by spectators.
- 1.4 In accordance with the legislation, the emergency services (police, fire and Ambulance) have been consulted in respect of this proposed change and they have no objections to the proposed change in named holder of the Safety Certificates

2 Current position

- 2.1 The Council has received a request from Southport FC to amend their current Safety Certificates and that James Treadwell is to be the named Certificate holder.
- 2.2 Both Certificates have been amended (in draft format) for consideration by the Councils Regulatory and Licencing Urgent Referral Committee.

3 Future actions

- 3.1 Should Members agree to issue the new Safety Certificates, Officers from the Council will undertake annual, statutory inspections of both stands, in order to verify that the contents, requirements and conditions contained within the issued Safety Certificates are being met. Those inspections will be carried out jointly with the emergency services.