

Report to:	Licencing & Regulatory (Urgent Referrals) Committee	Date of Meeting:	29 th March 2019
Subject:	Reissuing of Safety Certificates for the Main Grandstand and the Jack Carr Stand at Southport FC to include a new named certificate holder		
Report of:	S Barnes - Chief Planning Officer	Wards Affected:	Kew
Cabinet Portfolio:	Planning & Building Control		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

Safety Certificates for two regulated viewing grandstands at Southport FC's Haig Avenue stadium are to be re-issued to include the name of the Clubs new certificate holder.

Recommendations:

- (1) That Members agree to re-issue the General Safety Certificate's for the Main Grandstand and for the Jack Carr Stand at Southport FC's Haig Avenue stadium.

Reasons for the Recommendations:

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 Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of 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:

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 (FD) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultations with Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service 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.

1.0 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 Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places Sports Act 1987 the Club has previously been granted a 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 During the 2018/19 season, the Clubs Chief Executive Officer, Natalie Atkinson, who was the Clubs named Certificate holder, resigned her post. The Council has received a request from Southport FC that the two Safety Certificates it holds be transferred to current Club Secretary James Tedford.
- 1.4 The Clubs has Safety Officer (Steve Scott) is also a named person within both Safety Certificates and he remains in post.
- 1.5 In accordance with the legislation, Merseyside Police have been consulted in respect of the changes referred to above and they have no objections to the proposed change in named holder.

2.0 Current position

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 29(5) of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, the Club has formally requested that the Safety Certificates at Southport FC are to be altered so that the named holder be the Club Secretary, James Tedford
- 2.2 Under the terms of Sections 28(1a) and 29(5&6) of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places Sports Act 1987, Officers have determined that James Tedford is a suitable person to hold the position of Club Safety Officer and it is recommended to Committee that both Safety Certificates at Southport FC be reissued to reflect this change.
- 2.3 Both Certificates have been amended (in draft format) for consideration by the Councils Regulatory and Licencing Committee.

3.0 Future actions

- 3.1 Should Members agree to re-issue the Safety Certificates, Officers will take the necessary steps to issue those certificates and 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 three emergency services.

