

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**13 JULY 2020**

**SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975-RIVERSIDE STADIUM**

**RENEWAL OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE – 2020/2021 FOOTBALL SEASON**

**CHRIS BATES: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1 To seek Members approval for the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate for the forthcoming football season 2020/2021.

**BACKGROUND**

- 2 The Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 established the principle that a sports ground accommodating more than 10,000 spectators should require a Safety Certificate containing such terms and conditions as the Local Authority consider necessary or expedient to secure reasonable safety at the sports ground.
- 3 The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) for the Riverside Stadium met on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and recommended renewal on the current terms with the exception of the capacity as stated in paragraph 4.
- 4 For matches with a non-spectator policy, Appendix A sets out the procedures the Club will follow.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4 The current approved permitted number of spectators for the stadium is up to 34,000.
- 5 Members are requested to approve the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate for the forthcoming season with a spectator capacity of 34,000.
- 6 The Environmental Services Manager or his representative be authorised to re-issue the certificate as above.

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