

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

LICENSING COMMITTEE

26 JULY 2021

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975-RIVERSIDE STADIUM

RENEWAL OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE – 2021/2022 FOOTBALL SEASON

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To seek Members approval for the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate for the forthcoming football season 2021/2022.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 The current approved permitted number of spectators for the stadium is up to 33,981.
- 4 Under SG02 Covid guidance the capacity will be dependent on bubble sizes. Under the current regulations the stadium is limited to 25% of capacity. As Government guidelines are likely to change prior to the next review of the Safety Certificate a reduced capacity based on Government Covid regulations, when in force, will be agreed in advance of each match with the Safety Advisory Group.
- 5 Members are requested to approve the re-issue of the General Safety Certificate for the forthcoming season with a spectator capacity of 33,981 with Covid specific capacity reductions agreed in advance with the Safety Advisory Group.
- 6 The Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration or his representative be authorised to issue the certificate as above.

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