

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 6th JUNE, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors D. Dixon, Elliott, Fletcher, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, P. Gibson, Howe, Turner and Waller

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 – Stadium of Light - Special Safety Certificate

Councillor Turner declared that she was a season ticket holder for Sunderland AFC.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Heron, Kay and Scaplehorn.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 18th April, 2016 Part I

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18th April, 2016, Part I (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Sunderland Stadium of Light – Application for a Special Safety Certificate

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to approve the application from Sunderland Association Football Club for a Special Safety Certificate for a concert taking place at the Sunderland Stadium of Light on 28th June 2016.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Paul Baxter, Building Control Manager, presented the report and advised Members that the request was for the certificate for the concert by Beyonce on 28th June 2016. The proposed capacity for the event was to be 55,000.

Councillor P. Gibson queried whether there would be any additional payment to the Council for the administration of this special certificate. Mr Baxter advised that there was not and that the payment of £12,500 for the General Safety Certificate was set on a cost recovery basis to cover the actual cost of the officer time involved in administering the certification.

Councillor Howe queried how it would be possible for 55,000 people to attend when the matchday capacity was much lower than this. Mr Baxter advised that there were attendees on the pitch during the concert which increased the capacity; the stadium had a lot of exit capacity and it would still be possible to evacuate the entire premises of 55,000 people within 8 minutes.

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - a. Approval be given to the grant of a Special Safety Certificate for the concert at the Sunderland Stadium of Light to serve as an addendum to the existing General Safety Certificate. The maximum spectator capacities to be set at 55,000 in respect of Beyonce on 28th June 2016.
 - b. The grant be subject to full compliance with the conditions contained within the General and Special Safety Certificates, the conclusion of the multi-agency safety planning process and satisfactory construction and completion of all temporary structures.

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

3. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered likely to include the disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual and the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

(Signed) J. BLACKBURN,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of further items are included in Part II.