

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY AND PLACE

REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 9 JULY 2018

STREET COLLECTION PERMITS WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE SUNDERLAND STADIUM OF LIGHT

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Committee agrees the format of a draw with the purpose of allocating street collection permits within the vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light during the 2018/19 season and that the Chair subsequently undertakes this draw.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION (RECOMMENDATION)

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees the format of a draw with the purpose of allocating street collection permits within the vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light during the 2018/19 season and that the Chair subsequently undertakes this draw.

3.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1 For a number of years, the Committee has granted permits to collect in the streets surrounding the Stadium of Light on match days to a single organization each time. Additionally, the Football Club has allowed these organizations to collect on their land (usually just outside the stadium's turnstiles).
- 3.2 On 24 May 2010, the Committee agreed the following procedure for the processing of applications for street collection permits within the vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light on match days:-
 - i) Applications for a street collection permit at the Sunderland Stadium of Light for match days received on or before a date to be specified by officers would be considered eligible to enter a draw to be conducted by the Chair of the Regulatory Committee at its next available meeting.
 - ii) The initial entries into the draw will consist solely of applications from organizations who did not receive a permit in the previous season.
 - iii) An initial twenty three entries will be drawn and allocated to each fixture in chronological order. A further ten entries should be drawn for a reserve list to which will be allocated, in order of being drawn, any other fixture which may become available e.g. a cup match or a re-scheduled league game which was previously abandoned.

- iv) In the event that less than thirty three (33) initially qualifying organizations apply, those organizations receiving a permit in the previous season who have re-applied for the subsequent season would enter the draw after the initial allocation.
- v) Any organizations successful in the draw which later attract an objection from the Police will be referred to the Regulatory Committee.

3.3 On 23 July 2012, the Committee amended the above procedure so that organisations such as football clubs with multiple teams may only submit a single entry into the draw.

3.4 In the years since this policy was determined by the Committee, the SAFC Foundation of Light (i.e. the Club's own charity) have requested permits to collect, both in the street and on their own land, on the days of five fixtures of their choice. On each occasion the Committee granted this request.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 On 2 July 2018 the Committee deferred consideration of the matter until 9 July 2018.

4.2 The SAFC Foundation of Light has requested allocation of the following fixtures:

4 August 2018	Charlton Athletic
15 December 2018	Bristol Rovers
2 February 2019	Wimbledon
19 April 2019	Doncaster Rovers
27 April 2019	Portsmouth

4.3 It is requested that the Committee considers the request of the Foundation, that they be allocated street collection permits in respect of their five chosen fixtures.

4.4 It is also suggested, in line with police advice, that no permits are granted for matches involving Newcastle United FC or Middlesbrough FC (N.B. it is possible that Sunderland AFC may draw Newcastle United FC and/or Middlesbrough FC in a cup competition).

4.5 Should the Committee be minded to agree to the above requests, this will leave 18 league fixtures and a Carabao Cup match on 15 August 2018 to be allocated to organizations entering the draw.

5.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 5.1 To allocate street collection permits to organizations wishing to collect within the vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light in a fair and transparent manner.

6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 None submitted.

7.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8.0 GLOSSARY

- 8.1 No acronyms or abbreviations have been used in this report.

9.0 APPENDICIES

- 9.1 None.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.