

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 25th JANUARY, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Elliott, Farthing, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gallagher, P. Gibson, Heron and Turner.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 – Sunderland Stadium of Light – Restriction on General Safety Certificate

Councillors Heron and Turner declared that they were season ticket holders for the Stadium of Light.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Howe, MacKnight, D. Smith, Waller and D. Wilson.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 4th January, 2016 Part I

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 4th January, 2016, Part I (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Sunderland Stadium of Light – Restriction on General Safety Certificate

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which recommended that a limit be imposed on the number of tickets made available by Sunderland Association Football Club to the visiting fans of Manchester City on 2nd February and Manchester United on 13th February 2016.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Paul Baxter, Building Control Manager, presented the report and advised that the reduction in number of tickets was due to persistent standing in seated areas. The clubs involved were informed of why there was a reduction in the number of tickets made available however there had not been any improvements from some clubs.

In response to questioning from Councillor Turner Mr Baxter agreed to ask the club to find out whether Sunderland AFC had their allocation reduced when visiting any

other clubs; he would also speak to them about the possibility of putting information on the internet to say why the allocation had been reduced.

Members discussed the application and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - a. Approval be given to the setting of a limit of 2500 visiting fans for the fixtures with Manchester City on 2nd February 2016 and Manchester United on 13th February 2016 on the grounds of authorising the club to take all necessary precautions for the reasonable safety of spectators at these games as per condition 4.
 - b. Authorisation be given to the Executive Director of Commercial Development to follow such procedure and issue such notice needed to obtain compliance with the proposed restriction.

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.