

**SUNDERLAND STADIUM OF LIGHT- RENEWAL OF SAFETY
CERTIFICATE FOR SEASON 2012/2013**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to recommend to Committee the approval of the application by Sunderland Association Football Club for the renewal of the General Safety Certificate for Season 2012/2013

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 makes provision for the review and renewal of the General Safety Certificate for the Sunderland Stadium of Light.
- 2.2** Since the grant of the last Certificate no changes affecting stadium capacity have been carried out. It is therefore recommended that the approved capacity of the Stadium remains unaltered.
- 2.3** The other matter for consideration is the fee payable for the Certificate. In this regard Committee is reminded that when the Stadium opened in 1997 the fee was set at £10000. It was then raised to £12250 from the start of the 2000/2001 season. As there has been no additional officer involvement in the work necessary to bring this report to Committee and measures have been introduced to effect efficiencies into the process it is recommended that the fee remains at the existing level.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee is recommended:

- i) To approve the grant of a General Safety Certificate for the Sunderland Stadium of Light for the season 2012/2013 for capacities of 48900 (non segregated match) and 48656 (segregated match) on the same terms as in the current Safety Certificate.
- (ii) Not to increase the fee payable for the Certificate.