

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **21 JULY 2008** at the

Council House from 1.30 pm to 1.47 pm

Councillor Cresswell (Chair)  
Councillor Grocock  
Councillor Ibrahim  
Councillor James  
Councillor A Khan  
Councillor Liversidge (minutes 27 to 28 inclusive)  
Councillor Munir  
Councillor Packer  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Wildgust  
Councillor Davie  
Councillor Spencer  
Councillor Foster

Indicates present at meeting

#### **Officers in attendance**

Ms M Nightingale	-	Team Leader, Health and Safety	)	
		Public Protection	)	Culture and
Ms C Ryan	-	Head of Public Protection	)	Community
Ms N Matthews	-	Legal Services	)	Resources
Ms P Rohrbach	-	Committee Administration	)	

#### **Others in Attendance**

Mr G Smith	-	Stadium Manager	)	Notts County
Mr J Dye	-	Safety Officer	)	Football Club

#### **27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grocock and Spencer.

#### **28 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Liversidge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 – Notts County Football Club Annual Safety Certificate Review Report (minute 30) as a member of Notts County Trust and left the meeting prior to this consideration.

**29 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 June 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**30 ANNUAL REVIEW OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE – NOTTS COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Community and Culture, copies of which had been circulated, which included observations of the Health and Safety Team Leader, committee members and members of the Safety Advisory Group made during a visit to the facility on 21 July 2008.

Mr J Dye, Safety Manager and Mr G Smith, Stadium Manager, Notts County Football Club, attended the meeting on behalf of the Club. The City Council was represented by Ms C Ryan, Head of Public Protection, and Ms M Nightingale, Team Leader, Public Protection.

Ms Ryan presented the report, explained that the annual review of the General Safety Certificate was a legal requirement, and drew members' attention to the proposals put forward by the Club.

Consideration was given to proposals:

- (a) that Peter Dennis, Company Secretary, Notts County Football Club, be the named Holder of the General Safety Certificate with effect from this Review;
- (b) to relocate visiting and home supporters for football matches from the start of the 2008/09 football season. At the suggestion of the Club, this would result in a slightly reduced capacity (270 seats) to the Jimmy Sirrel stand, making provision for 2024 visiting supporters. Home supporters would use the remainder of the Jimmy Sirrel Stand and the Kop, Pavis and Family Stands. Proprietary 'Tildernet' netting would be used to create sterile areas between visiting and home supporters. If intelligence predicted more than 1000 visiting supporters, the match would be declared 'all ticket for away supporters'. For cup matches or visiting supporters numbering more than 2024, the whole of the Jimmy Sirrel stand (5500) would be made available for visitors.

Members commented on the improvements the Club had made in order to implement these proposals which they had seen during their inspection earlier in the day. They were particularly impressed with the new CCTV system, adjustment to the turnstile capacity monitoring system, use of Tildernet, relocation and re-designation of gates and turnstiles, new toilet facilities with disabled access and extension to the refreshment bar in X Block.

Members commented that they had been very satisfied with all of the health and safety improvements they had seen that day and requested that a visit by the Committee to the Club be arranged at a future match when a large capacity crowd was expected so that they could see all of the safety features in operation.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that Peter Dennis, Company Secretary, Notts County Football Club, be the named Holder of the General Safety Certificate with effect from 21 July 2008;**
- (2) that the General Safety Certificate for Notts County Football Club, with a maximum capacity of 19,588 spectators, and a maximum capacity of 19,318 for football matches only, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, remain in force;**
- (3) that the schedule of deviations from the recommendations in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (Green Guide), as listed in appendix 2 to the report, be accepted.**