

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Dodds (Chair)

Councillor(s): W Dick, B Goldsworthy, R Mullen, M Ord,  
D Bradford, H Kelly, S Gallagher, D Robson and I Patterson

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor(s): M Charlton, J Gibson and L Kirton

**RC287 MINUTES**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.

**RC288 CONSTITUTION**

RESOLVED – That the Constitution of the Committee be noted.

**RC289 APPEALS AND PROSECUTIONS**

The Committee received a report which considered the Appeals and Prosecutions during the period 4 November 2020 and 26 May 2021.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted

**RC290 GATESHEAD STADIUM SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

The Committee received a report which provided an update on safety measures at Gateshead International Stadium.

The Committee were advised that as a result of the coronavirus pandemic a number of Health Protection Regulations have been introduced which have significantly impacted on the use of the stadium and meant that for the majority of the last year it was not possible to hold spectator events.

On 17 May 2021, the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Other Provisions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 came into effect and lifted some of the restrictions on use of such venues for spectator events, as long as they are conducted in accordance with prescribed safety measures. This includes the use of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority's guidance: SG02 Planning for Social Distancing at Sports Grounds.

The Stadium management team have worked closely with colleagues from the Public Health, COVID Business Compliance and Legal teams to ensure that

appropriate measures are in place for social distancing and COVID-security.

This work has culminated in the Stadium hosting the Wanda Diamond League athletics meeting on 23 May 2021 in front of approximately 2,500 spectators. The event was originally scheduled to take place in Morocco but was unable to proceed due to ongoing COVID restrictions. The Safety Advisory Group provided valuable input to ensure the safe and smooth running of the event.

The Committee were advised that the fact that Gateshead was chosen to host this prestigious event in the lead up to the Tokyo Olympics is testament to the collective efforts to suppress the virus in the Borough and to the Council's reputation for delivering highly organised and safe events at the Stadium.

Further events being planned to take place at the Stadium in the coming months, which will continue to adopt social distancing and COVID-security measures for the safety of spectators, participants and staff.

In due course, the learning from these events will inform a review of the Safety Certificate which will be brought back before the Regulatory Committee for approval.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

**RC291 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining business in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**RC292 SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

**RC293 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING ISSUES (PARAGRAPH 7)**

RESOLVED -

- i) That the information be noted
- ii) The Committee were advised that application RC/05/21 was withdrawn by the applicant
- iii) The Committee were advised that the Private Hire Vehicle licence application RC/06/21 be refused

**RC294 STREET TRADING CERTIFICATE**

RESOLVED -

- i) That the information be noted
- ii) That the Application for Street Trading Consent in Saltwell Park be refused

**Chair.....**