

TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead International Stadium: Special Safety Certificate

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Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks approval to authorise the issue of a Special Safety Certificate No. 14 for the Nitro Circus event at Gateshead International Stadium.

Background

2. Gateshead International Stadium is a Designated Stadium under the terms of the Sports Ground Act 1975 (the Act). The existing General Safety Certificate for Gateshead International Stadium (the Stadium) allows the use of the stadium for spectator events, restricted to those specified activities listed in Appendix 3 of the General Safety Certificate.
3. The proposed Nitro Circus is an event that is not covered in those specified activities listed in Appendix 3 of the General Safety Certificate. The Act requires that a Special Safety Certificate is obtained for the Stadium for events that are not listed as a specific activity.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Service Director of Development, Public Protection and Transport be authorised to issue Special Safety Certificate No. 14 for the Stadium, subject to submission by the applicant and acceptance by the Council of the additional documentation described in Clause 5 (ii) of the Special Safety Certificate and of comments received from Police, Fire and Ambulance Authorities.

Consultation

1. Following consultation with the Service Director of Development, Public Protection and Transport, Police, Fire and Ambulance Authorities, a Special Safety Certificate for the Nitro Circus event has been prepared.

Implications of Recommended Options

2. **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director of Finance and ICT confirms that there are no financial implications arising from this report.
3. **Risk Management Implications** – None
4. **Human Resource Implications** - None
5. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - None
6. **Crime and Disorder Implications** - The terms and conditions of the Special Safety Certificate should secure reasonable safety at the Stadium when it is in use for the Specified Activity.
7. **Sustainability Implications** - None
8. **Human Rights Implications** - By issue of a Special Safety Certificate, the Council is positively promoting the safety of spectators at special events.
9. **Ward Implications** - Gateshead International Stadium is located in Felling Ward.