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REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2001
REPORT ON: GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE, TANNADICE PARK, DUNDEE
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
REPORT NO: 314-2001

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of the Committee to the issue of a revised General Safety Certificate (a copy of which has been placed in the Members' lounges) under the terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 for Tannadice Park, Dundee.
- 1.2 The report also seeks the agreement of the Committee to the delegation of the issue of such certificates to the Director of Planning and Transportation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - a Approve the attached General Safety Certificate for Tannadice Park for issue to Dundee United Football Club Limited.
 - b Agrees that the issue of future certificates prepared under the terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 is delegated to the Director of Planning and Transportation.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications for the Council in the issue of the General Safety Certificate.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The purpose of the certificate is to ensure that the premises are a safe environment for the public to visit and enjoy spectator events. In doing so it addresses the following key themes of Dundee 21:

Key Theme 12 – Opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all.

Key Theme 8 – Health is protected by creating safe, clean, pleasant environments.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The issue of the General Safety Certificate will allow safe access by all to a major recreational facility.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The current General Safety Certificate for Tannadice Park was issued by Tayside Regional Council in July 1995. The certificate was due for review in June 1996. No review of the certificate has taken place since issue. The existing certificate has been renewed annually by letter.
- 6.2 There have been substantial changes to the layout, structure and operation of Tannadice Park since the current certificate was issued. Therefore, the certificate required to be amended to reflect current circumstances.
- 6.3 Under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 all designated stadia (ie stadia with accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators so designated by the First Minister) require a safety certificate. The certificate is required to address the maximum number of spectators, specify the maximum number in different parts of the stadium and include terms and conditions relating to entrances, exits and emergency exits.
- 6.4 Further guidance on the preparation of a safety certificate is contained in the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (known as "the green guide") published by the Scottish Office.
- 6.5 The General Safety Certificate for Tannadice Park has been prepared in the terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and in the context of the green guide. It has been prepared with the co-operation and assistance of Dundee United Football Club Limited.
- 6.6 The General Safety Certificate is due for renewal after one year when an inspection of the ground is undertaken prior to the preparation of a new certificate. The inspection is undertaken by the Tayside Sports Ground Safety Team comprising representatives of Tayside Police, Tayside Fire Brigade, the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Council. The purpose of the team is to advise the Council. Given that the production of the certificate is largely a technical procedure, it was a delegated function by Tayside Regional Council. There have been no changes to the procedure and therefore it is recommended that the preparation and issue of General Safety Certificates for sports grounds is, in future, delegated to the Director of Planning and Transportation.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, and the Chief Constable, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.
- 8.2 Safety at Sports Grounds 4th Edition, The Scottish Office, 1997.

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