Glasgow City Council

ITEM 3(d)

13th June 2007

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Date: 13th June 2007

Report by Chairman of Glasgow City Council's Safety Team on Safety at Sports Grounds

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RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB – IBROX STADIUM

Purpose of report:

To allow the Committee to consider the renewal of the safety certificate for Ibrox Stadium for a 12 month period.

Recommendations:

That the Committee agrees to renew the safety certificate for Ibrox Stadium for a 12 month period subject to the following conditions:-

1. All items identified in Appendix 1 of the report are carried out prior to the start of the 2007/2008 season to the satisfaction of the specified Service(s)

2. The normal capacity of the ground shall be (subject to Police operational requirements):

The maximum ticketed seat capacity of the stadium shall be:-

South Stand		
Front	4,639	
Rear	2,949	
Director's Box	101	
Club Deck	6,763	
Executive Deck	516	
West Enclosure	2,615	
East Enclosure	2,706	
SOUTH STAND TOTAL		20,289
North Stand		
Rear	6374	
Front	5,217	
East	1,373	
West	1,353	
Executive Boxes	288	
NORTH STAND TOTAL		14,605
West Stand		
Front	3,657	
Rear	4,398	
WEST STAND TOTAL		8,055

East Stand		
Front	3,656	
Rear	4,399	
EAST STAND TOTAL		8,055
TOTAL TICKETED SEAT CAPACITY (does **not** include "no view seats")		**51,004**
Wheelchair spaces		
South stand west enclosure	65	
North stand west radial	7	
TOTAL STADIUM CAPACITY		**51,076**

The following disabled facilities are provided within the total ticketed seat capacity of the South Stand west enclosure:

Impaired vision	70	
Ambulant Disabled	28	
Provision of wheelchair aiders	105	
		TOTAL 203

a. The maximum permitted capacity inside the Stadium to view a screened game:

South Stand		
Front	4,471	
Rear	895	
Director's Box	101	
Club Deck	3,377	
Executive Deck	516	
West Enclosure	2,348	
East Enclosure	2,538	
SOUTH STAND TOTAL		14,246
North Stand		
Rear	zero	
Front	zero	
East	1,005	
West	982	
Executive Boxes	zero	
NORTH STAND TOTAL		1,987
West Stand		
Front	3,649	
Rear	4,380	
WEST STAND TOTAL		8,029
East Stand		
Front	3,656	
Rear	4,381	
EAST STAND TOTAL		8,037
Wheelchair spaces		
South stand west enclosure	65	
TOTAL STADIUM CAPACITY		**32,364**

Ward No: 5 Govan

Councillor advised [No] consulted [No]

Information:

The Chief Executive has delegated authority to issue the safety certificate if necessary for lower capacities on the advice of the Council's Safety Team to take account of incomplete work and agreement relating to "P" and "S" factors for the stadium. Safety Team members have provided comment which form the basis of this report.

Financial Implications:none
Legal Implications: In terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act,1975, the Committee may grant a general safety certificate for a designated ground.
Personnel Implications: none
Service Plan Implications: none
Environmental Implications:none

Background Papers: Appendix 1

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APPENDIX 1

Standard Items, Outstanding Works and Maintenance

Item	Green Guide Clause	Raised By
1. The Club to confirm their 'P' and 'S' factors. The 'P' factor should include a risk assessment for the low sightline 'C' factor of the new seats on the upper Govan stand.	1.4 - 1.5, 3.18, 4.2, 11.16, 11.17	Building Control
2. The Club to confirm that the content of their safety management documentation has been reviewed and updated where required.	2.3 - 2.17, 3.18	Building Control
3. The Club to carry out routine maintenance and testing in accordance with Appendix 5 of safety certificate. Relevant reports and an inspection and test schedule for season 2006/07 to be submitted to Building Control and Public Safety. Actual inspection and test records to be retained by the Club and made available for inspection on request.	4.2	Building Control
4. The Club to submit to Legal Services, 5 paper copies of stadium plans incorporating alterations completed in line with the following Building Warrants: • 03/01111/BW - Alterations to hospitality suite to create club boxes on 4th level and amended bar layout on 3rd level. • 03/01900/BW - Alterations to layout of offices in Argyle House. • 04/01722/BW - Alterations to enlarge reception area, ground floor, Argyle House • 06/00291/BW – Alterations to extend the Press Gantry. • 06/01709/BW – Alterations to extend the front of the Govan Stand Rear seating deck.	4.15	Building Control