

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Safety at Sports Grounds – Scheme of Delegation

Committee: Licensing Committee (Miscellaneous)

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Executive Summary:

The Licensing Committee (Miscellaneous) is responsible for the discharge by the Council of the functions in relation to safety of sports grounds as set out in the Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, and any Regulations made there under (referred to as “the Acts”),

Following a number of restructures of the Council’s Senior Management Team it has become apparent that the scheme of delegation relating to this legislation should be renewed to reflect the position that the area of the Council that leads on this work (namely Building Control) now falls under the responsibility of the Director of Development and Regeneration.

The report therefore seeks Members authorisation of the proposed scheme of delegation.

Corporate Plan 2010- 2013:

This report links to the delivery of the corporate improvement priorities. In particular:

1. Providing more and better culture and leisure activities.

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

No direct financial implications.

**Other Implications: eg. Section 17 - Community Safety, Health and Safety,
Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**

The matters addressed in this report relate to the Council's community safety and health and safety obligations as outlined in the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that Licensing Committee:

Authorises the scheme of delegation as set out in Appendix A to this report and delegates the officer's responsibilities to the Director of Development and Regeneration

Reason: To enable more effective working between officers on matters related Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 and any Regulations made there under.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The Committee could decide to retain all decision making in relation to the Acts but this would result in additional administration matters coming before the Committee that would be more effectively deal with by the officers of Building Control.

Background papers:

Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975
Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987

Plymouth City Council Constitution 2006 (amended September 2009)

Sign off:

Head of Fin	KF Dev F910 0089	Head of Leg	AG/8017/ 26.3.10	Head of HR		Head of AM		Head of IT		Head of Strat Proc	
Originating CMF Member											

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Licensing Committee (Miscellaneous) is responsible for the discharge by the Council of the functions in relation to safety of sports grounds as set out in the Safety at Sports Ground Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, and any Regulations made there under (referred to as “the Acts”),
- 1.2 Prior to the restructure last year of the Council’s Senior Management Team, the lead officers responsible for this Committee (Head of Environmental Services) and for the safety of sports grounds (Building Control) were within the same Directorate. Following the restructure last year Building Control now falls under the responsibility of the Director of Development and Regeneration, the responsibility for this Committee being with the Director of Community Services.
- 1.3 In order to regularise the position with regard to a scheme of delegation to ensure the continued administration of the licensing and enforcement of sports safety issues, an updated Scheme of Delegation is proposed which sets out the matters to be dealt with by Committee and by Officers. This is set out in Appendix A to the report.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Licensing Committee:

Authorises the scheme of delegation as set out in Appendix A to this report and delegates the officer’s responsibilities to the Director of Development and Regeneration.

Reason: To enable more effective working on matters related to Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 and any Regulations made there under.