

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Michael Ashworth, Head of Building Control
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2015

## **SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUND – BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider an application under the Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975 for a Special Safety Certificate for a Neil Diamond concert at Blackpool Football Club on 23 July 2015.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To approve the application for a Special Safety Certificate.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 The approval of the application for a Special Safety Certificate is necessary to enable the concert to take place with the required capacity.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, as the Special Safety Certificate is necessary for the event to take place with the required capacity.

### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Expand and promote our tourism, arts, heritage and cultural offer
- Attract sustainable investment and create quality jobs
- Encourage responsible entrepreneurship for the benefit of our communities

**5.0 Background Information**

- 5.1 Blackpool Council has received an application for a Special Safety Certificate to host a Neil Diamond concert at Blackpool Football Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. The proposed Certificate will allow an attendance of 19,983 and is attached at Appendix 3(a).
- 5.2 Calculations have shown that the capacity of 19,983 does not exceed the limits for ingress and egress as shown within the Safety at Sports Grounds Guide. A Rod Stewart concert that took place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 had a capacity of the same number.
- 5.3 The above Rod Stewart concert was undertaken by the same promoter and safety team without any major issues.
- 5.4 A safety advisory group was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and the minutes of the meeting have been attached for information at Appendix 3(b).
- 5.5 The Police, Fire Authority and Ambulance Service have made minor comments, but have not raised any objections to the application.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**List of Appendices:**

Appendix 3(a) Copy of proposed safety certificate  
Appendix 3(b) Safety advisory group minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

- 6.1 None

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

- 7.1 None

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

- 8.1 None

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

- 9.1 None

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Police, Fire Authority and Ambulance Service.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None