

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Safety Certification / Advisory Group (SAG) Policy

EIA ID: 2637

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Proposal Outline: Sheffield City Council is updating the Safety Advisory Group Policy (Sports Stadia & Regulated Stands), on behalf of the SAG. This EIA is being undertaken to consider any implications that may arise in respect of the Council's duties under the Equality Act 2010 as a public authority. Under various legislation described in the SAG Policy, the local authority is responsible for issuing a safety certificate and/or special safety certificate in respect of designated sports grounds and regulated stands. The venues covered by the Policy are:
- Bramall Lane Stadium home of Sheffield United Football Club - Hillsborough Stadium home of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club - Owlerton Stadium venue of speedway, stock cars and greyhound racing - Olympic Legacy Park, venue of Rugby League and Football Although the stadium or sports ground management of the above have their own responsibilities in respect of facilities, spectators and other matters, the Council's function of deciding whether to issue safety certificates is applicable to its legal duties under the Equality Act. In other words, the council must, when exercising this function, have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity, eliminate discrimination and meet other requirements.

Proposal Type: Non-Budget

Year Of Proposal: 23/24

Lead Director for proposal: Ajman Ali

Service Area: Streetscene & Regulation

EIA Start Date: 01/03/2024

Lead Equality Objective:

Equality Lead Officer: Ed Sexton

Decision Type

Committees: Policy Committees
• Waste & Street Scene

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio: Neighbourhood Services

EIA is cross portfolio: No

EIA is joint with another organisation: No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

The updated SAG Policy is fully consistent with the council's duties under the Equality Act and with organisational equality policy. There are no disproportionate impacts arising from the policy. Particular consideration has been given to the protected characteristic of Disability. It is noted that the stadium or sports ground management must provide facilities to cater for the needs and wants of disabled supporters. The Safety Advisory Group offers guidance in this respect to both the sports ground and the Council, as the Certifying Authority responsible for issuing any safety certificate. Such considerations include the accessibility and safety of viewing areas, facilities provided and evacuation procedures. It is

considered that this provides assurance and is fully consistent with our Equality Act duties.

Impacted characteristics:

- Disability

Consultation and other engagement

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact:

No

Impact areas:

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required:

No

Review Date:

01/03/2024

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan:

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Significant risk after mitigation measures:

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

Review Date:

01/03/2024