

11 October 2012		ITEM: 9
Licensing Committee		
SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP		
Report of: Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Non key	
Accountable Head of Service: Lucy Magill, Head of Public Protection		
Accountable Director: Jo Olsson – Director of People Services		
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Date of notice given of exempt or confidential report: not applicable		
Purpose of Report: To inform the Licensing Committee of the existence and work of the Safety Advisory Group.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Thurrock's Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is a partnership of key statutory agencies formed under the direction of Thurrock Community Safety Partnership. This allows the key agencies to work together to address safety issues for public events taking place within Thurrock. It provides event organisers with support and guidance to ensure that the events are carried out safely and successfully, and in accordance with statutory responsibilities.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.1 That the Committee -

Note the content of the report regarding the existence and work of the Safety Advisory Group.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Every year there are many public events put on in Thurrock for the public ranging in size from those with less than one hundred to those that see thousands of people attending. The events are organised by a wide range of people including community groups, charities, and commercial enterprises. These are a welcomed element of community life.
- 2.2 Despite these events providing entertainment, education and an opportunity for the promotion of local business and organisations, it is essential that they are all conducted in a way to ensure the safety of those attending and to ensure that any impact to the local residents and businesses is at an acceptable level.
- 2.3 All of these events, despite who is organising, them will have to meet regulatory requirements under various legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act, Licensing Act, Fire Safety Legislation, and Environmental Protection Act.
- 2.4 It is a recommendation of the Health and Safety Executive that organisers of public events consult with the local Safety Advisory Group (SAG).

A Safety Advisory Group is a partnership of key agencies formed together to , enable key agencies to work together to look at safety issues for public events taking place, but it also provides access for event organisers to all the relevant agencies in one meeting to provide support and guidance to ensure that the events are carried out safely and successfully.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Safety Advisory Group in Thurrock has been established under the Community Safety Partnership and operates under its Protocols and Terms of Reference, September 2012. A copy is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The membership of the SAG is as follows and is chaired by the Principal Licensing Officer:

Core Members;

- Thurrock Council's Licensing Department
- Thurrock Council's Health and Safety Department
- Essex Police
- Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

Other Members;

- East of England Ambulance Service
- Thurrock Council's Emergency Planning Department
- Thurrock Councils Street Service Manager
- Thurrock Council's Highways Department

Liaison with other agencies where required;

- Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital
- British Transport Police
- Event Management and Organisers
- Any Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003

3.3 The role of the group is to consider large-scale public events and their requirements. The group's remit includes outdoor events, which require a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003, firework displays, carnivals, parades, music festivals, and other large events of a similar nature.

3.4 In general "large scale public event" will be treated as being an event where more than 500 people are expected to attend, although smaller events may still require the involvement of the SAG

3.5 This year the SAG has considered the following events:

- Tfest
- Lee & Amos Fair and Drive
- Karis May Darling Foundation Family Fun Day
- Stanford Music Festival
- Stanford Festival
- Tilbury Centenary Celebration Day
- Olympic Torch Relay
- Orsett Show
- Willow Farm Fireworks
- Tilbury Christmas Lights and Fair

3.6 The following events have still to be considered:

- Orsett Showground Fireworks
- Corringham Winter Festival
- Horndon Feast and Fayre 2013

3.7 Next year the SAG will still consider any events that it has already reviewed, and any new events that it becomes aware of.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 This report is for information only

5. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 No consultation is required

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

6.1 — ~~click this box once – type this section of your report, which should set out the implications of the recommendation being proposed on the policies, priorities and performance of the council, along with identifying any impact on the local community~~

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Michael Jones**
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There are no financial implications in relation to this report

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**
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This report is for noting and as such there are no direct legal implications. However the work of this partnership based group makes a significant contribution to the good governance of large outdoor events and ensuring their effective control within the Borough.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

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The SAG is a technical group to enable more effective support and engagement with public events, there are no implications to note.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

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BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Appendix 1 – SAG Protocols and Terms of Reference

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