
PUBLIC EVENTS SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP (PESAG) – FINAL REPORT

Councillor Chris McEwan, Economy and Regeneration Portfolio
Councillor Nick Wallis, Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio

Responsible Director – Ian Williams, Director of Economic Growth

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To report the final findings of the review of the Public Events Safety Advisory Group (PESAG) established by Place Scrutiny Committee to contribute to both the promotion and protocol for Darlington Public Events Safety Advisory Group (PESAG) and make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet.

Summary

2. At a meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on 3 September 2014 it was agreed to establish a Public Events Safety Advisory Group Review Group and all Members of that Scrutiny Committee were invited to participate in that Review.
3. Terms of Reference were agreed and the Review Group has met on four occasions where a wide number of issues have been discussed and considered.
4. Various organisations were consulted and contributions were received from Durham Police, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Sadberge Festival Organisers, Friends of North Lodge Park, Darlington Community Carnival, Principal Licensing Officer, Regulatory Services, Traffic Manager, Highways, Events and Programming Manager and Environmental Health Officer, Regulatory Services of the Council.
5. At its meeting held on 9 April 2015 the Place Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations within the Final Report (**Appendix 1**) and requested those recommendations be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

Recommendation

6. Cabinet be requested to :
 - (a) Note the findings and recommendations of the Public Events Safety Advisory Group; and
 - (b) Request Officers to continue to action the recommendations deliverable within existing resources.

Reason

7. The recommendation is supported to conclude the work undertaken by the Place Scrutiny Committee Review Group.

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Assistant Chief Executive

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	There are no specific implications for the health and well-being of residents.
Carbon Impact	There is no carbon impact in relation to this report.
Diversity	There are no specific diversity issues in this report.
Wards Affected	There are no specific Wards which are affected by this report.
Groups Affected	All groups.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report has no impact on the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This report does not constitute a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not considered an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no impact on One Darlington: Perfectly Placed.
Efficiency	The outcome of this report does not impact on the Council efficiency agenda.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

8. The Public Events Safety Advisory Group Review Group was established to contribute to the promotion and protocol for Darlington Public Events Safety Advisory Group (PESAG) and make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet.
9. The Review Group has met on four occasions and discussed a wide number of issues.
10. Contributions were received from several outside bodies and Officers of the Council.
11. At its meeting held on 9 April 2015 the Place Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations within the Final Report (**Appendix 1**) and requested those recommendations be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

Director's Comments

12. In addition to the recommendations made by the Task and Finish Review Group, as the Medium Term Financial Plan takes shape, alternative models may need to be considered such as a self-help web-based service for smaller events and / or events on private land restricting a more detailed examination to larger events and those on Council land.