

**Request for Delegated Authority Approval
(Emergency Powers – 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic)**

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Directorate:	Place
Service:	Planning and Building Standards
Subject:	Safety Certificates for Ayr Racecourse and Somerset Park, Ayr (Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975, Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act 1987)
Author:	Hugh Talbot - Team Leader, Building Standards
Date of Request:	29/6/2020
Background:	<p>The above safety certificates are normally issued on the 1st July each year and their approval is granted at the June, Regulatory Panel (Licensing).</p> <p>As such a report is submitted by Planning & Building Standards stating that the required technical inspections have been satisfactorily completed, and that the approval of the Safety Certificates is therefore recommended.</p> <p>Prior to Covid 19 lockdown the scheduled inspections and the examination of the required documentation was ongoing. Unfortunately due to lockdown restrictions these have not been able to be fully completed, and further due to constraints of the non critical construction sector none of the scheduled maintenance works have been carried out.</p> <p>The First Minister on Thursday 18th June as part of the move to Stage 2 of the proposed exit plan from the current lockdown, announced that professional sport in Scotland could resume albeit behind closed doors. Following a review of the new Covid 19 procedures by Building Standards and Environmental Health, Ayr Racecourse hosted the first event on 22/6/2020.</p> <p>It is a requirement that each venue has a valid Safety Certificate in place to allow these sporting events to proceed and the current certificates expire on the 30th June 2020.</p>

Approval Sought For:	<p>Approval is sought for delegated power under paragraph G21B of the Scheme of Delegation, to the Director of Place to grant a 3 months' extension to the expiry dates of the current safety certificates for Ayr Racecourse and Somerset Park, Ayr, extending both to 30th September 2020.</p> <p>This would allow time for the required inspections and checking of documentation to be completed and any maintenance works to be carried out. Approval for the issuing of the new certificate could be taken to the Regulatory Panel (Licensing) in September.</p>
Additional Information:	<p>The Scottish construction sector is currently following a six-step, phased model produced by Construction Scotland and adopted by the Scottish Government as part of their route map through and out of the Covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>As the construction industry moves to Stage Three of this process this will therefore allow the recommencement of site inspections. This will therefore allow for officers to carry out the required technical inspections and for any the remedial works to be completed prior to the issuing of the new Safety Certificates in September 2020.</p>
Legal Implications:	<p>It is important that the necessary Safety Certificates are in place so that the venues can hold any future sporting events as required by each of the governing bodies. (SFA/BHA)</p>
Procurement Implications:	<p>None</p>
Financial Implications:	<p>None</p>

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Name(s) of Elected Member(s) consulted:	<p>Peter Henderson, Brian McGinley, Martin Dowey, Alec Clark</p>
Elected Member Feedback:	
Decision:	<p>Approved</p>