

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: THE SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS, BROADWOOD STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 22 June 1998	Ref: MR/IG	

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council has, at a series of earlier meetings, adopted practices in relation to its responsibilities for the certification of "designated grounds" in North Lanarkshire and agreed to the establishment of a Safety of Sports Grounds Officers' Working Group representing a variety of disciplines which assist the process of certification.
- 1.2. The Council also agreed that a programme of annual inspections be established and, over the past few months, Officers of the Working Group have carried out a series of inspections at Broadwood Stadium and have met with the representatives of the club to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the stadium.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. As a result of these inspections the undernoted issues have been identified which require attention. Details of these have been passed to the General Manager of the stadium for his attention:-
 - 2.1.1. The upper level fire exit of the south stairway of the building should be repaired to allow the door to close properly in the event of fire.
 - 2.1.2. The blockwork in the servery to the south of the building, is showing signs of cracking and should be included in the structural report.
 - 2.1.3. An Annual Risk Assessment of barriers, handrails and boundary walls is outstanding and should be carried out by a competent person and submitted to the Certifying Authority.
 - 2.1.4. An Annual Risk Assessment of the fire safety is outstanding and should be carried out by a competent person and submitted to the Certifying Authority.
 - 2.1.5. The Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy is outstanding and should be submitted to the Certifying Authority.

3. **Recommendation**

- 3.1. That the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate Officers and representations from the General Manager of Broadwood Stadium and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.



Director of Administration

Any member requiring further information should contact Mr T Gaffney on Extension 2342.