

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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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 Officer Working Group representing a variety of disciplines which assists the process of certification.
- 1.2 The Council has 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 Excelsior Stadium and have met with representatives from stadium management 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 matters have been identified as requiring attention. Details of these have been passed to the Stadium Manager for his attention:-
- 2.1.1 An annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
- 2.1.2 An annual Risk Assessment of crush barriers and handrails to be submitted;
- 2.1.3 A Periodic Inspection Report on the electrical installations to be submitted;
- 2.1.4 A report by a suitably qualified and fully independent Chartered Engineer, Architect or Surveyor on (a) the cracking in the concrete floor slab in the Main Stand (first floor); (b) the cracking in the concrete floor slab in the East Stand; (c) the cracking in the wall adjacent to the Toilet Block on the first floor of the Main Stand, and (d) blockwork in and around all four stands which show continuous signs of shrinkage or movement cracking, to be submitted, and
- 2.1.5 Confirmation to be received that all chains/locking devices fitted to the emergency exit doors in the North, South and East Stands will be removed on each occasion that spectators are admitted to the Stadium (regardless of which part of the Stadium is occupied by spectators).

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3 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from Airdrieonians Football Club's Stadium Manager and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.


Director of Administration

Should any Member require further information please contact John Murray at extension 2259.