

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL
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 Fir Park 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 General Manager for his attention:-
- 2.1.1 A Periodic Inspection Report on the electrical installations to be submitted;
- 2.1.2 Damage to the pre-cast stair treads at access number 24 to be repaired, and
- 2.1.3 Minor alterations to be undertaken in respect of the treads in the gangway at rows M and N in the Main Stand to prevent a trip hazard.
- 2.2 The General Manager has submitted an Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity and an Annual Risk Assessment of Crush Barriers and Handrails, which have been passed to the relevant members of the Working Group for comment. Clarification has been sought on certain aspects of these documents.

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 Motherwell Football Club's General Manager and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.


Director of Administration

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