

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – GUYSMEADOW STADIUM, CUMBERNAULD
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 sports 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 bi-annual inspections be established for Regulated Stands capable of accommodating between 500 and 2,000 spectators and, over the past few months, Officers of the Working Group have carried out a series of inspections at Guysmeadow Stadium and have met with the Joint Chief Executive of Cumbernauld United Football Club to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the Stand.

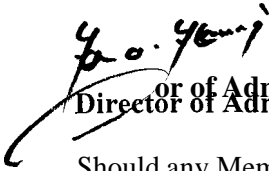
2 Current Position

- 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 Joint Chief Executive for his attention:-
 - 2.1.1 A Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
 - 2.1.2 A Risk Assessment of crush barriers and handrails to be submitted,
 - 2.1.3 The damaged areas of the terracing steps should be filled with cement to prevent a trip hazard, and
 - 2.1.4 A system of record keeping to be introduced to record details of (a) spectator attendance; (b) Accidents involving spectators; (c) emergency evacuation procedures and steward training sessions, and (d) any remedial measures taken as a result of maintenance and testing requirements.

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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 Cumbernauld United Football Club's Joint Chief Executive and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.


Director of Administration

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