

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 which have been passed to the Stadium Support Manager for his attention:-
  - 2.1.1 an Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
  - 2.1.2 an Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
  - 2.1.3 confirmation that the intumescent fire protection repairs to the South Stand will achieve a one hour period of fire protection should be provided;
  - 2.1.4 a Periodic Electrical Installations report to be submitted;
  - 2.1.5 the cladding behind the disabled section of the Main Stand should be repaired or replaced;
  - 2.1.6 the nosings to the gangways in the North Stand should be painted in a contrasting colour;
  - 2.1.7 the broken escape gate in the East Stand should be repaired;
  - 2.1.8 an Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
  - 2.1.9 the space frame roof in the Davie Cooper Stand is showing signs of corrosion;
  - 2.1.10 damage to fire proofing on steel beams above five-a-side/gymnasium should be repaired;
  - 2.1.11 the roof steelwork in Main Stand is showing signs of corrosion - this should be the subject of a close inspection by the Certifying Engineer;

- 2.1.12 an Annual Inspection of the Fire warning, automatic detection and automatic roller shutters requires to be carried out and submitted;
- 2.1.13 an Annual Audit of the fire safety risk assessment requires to be carried out and submitted, and
- 2.1.14 the Records of Inspections and tests on maintenance defects to be improved.

### 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 Stadium Support Manager and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.

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