

To: GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS – BROADWOOD 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 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 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 General Manager:-
- 2.1.1 all defective and rusting seat supports to be inspected during the structural inspection to determine whether metal frames are structurally safe;
- 2.1.2 the water penetration problem to the gable of the Main Stand should be investigated and any remedial action deemed necessary undertaken;
- 2.1.3 the defective fire resistant door to the entrance lobby of the foyer to the Ground Floor of the Main Stand should be repaired or replaced;
- 2.1.4 the intumescent seals/smoke brushes to the fire doors in the West Stand should be replaced;
- 2.1.5 an Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- 2.1.6 an Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
- 2.1.7 some holding down bolts on steel columns outside South Stand are rusting and require remedial action;
- 2.1.8 some external signage is showing effects of weathering and will require to be replaced in the near future, and
- 2.1.9 a Periodic Electrical Installation report to be submitted.

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 Broadwood Stadium's General Manager and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.

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