

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, after a series of earlier meetings, adopted practices in relation to its responsibilities for the certification of "Designated 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 assist 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 met with representatives from the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the stadium.

2. Current Position

As a result of these inspections, the undernoted matters have been identified as requiring attention, details of which have been passed to the Stadium Manager for his attention.

- 2.1. Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted;
- 2.2. Annual Certificate of Structural Integrity to be submitted;
- 2.3. Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted;
- 2.4. Top fixing bracket/blockwork on Gate 4 to be repaired/replaced;
- 2.5. North Stand information/scoreboard supports require to be repaired/replaced, and
- 2.6. Loose/insecure loudspeakers adjacent to Gate 13, rear of North Stand, adjacent to Gate 5 and adjacent to Gate 14 require to be repaired/replaced.

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


Director of Administration

Should any Member require further information please contact Paul Shiach of the Department of Administration at Extension 2443.