

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - FIR PARK STADIUM, MOTHERWELL
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 18 June 2007	Ref: GD/EH	

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council has 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 Fir Park 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 General Manager for his attention.

- 2.1. Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted.
- 2.2. Steel frame in Main Stand forming the roof structure, TV gantry and gantry access has areas of flaking paint and corrosion which requires to be treated as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.3. The concrete beam at south gable above open pend area is cracked and requires repair as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.4. Steel frame in North Stand forming the roof structure has areas of flaking paint and corrosion which requires to be treated as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.5. Internal area in North Stand below terraced seating has cracked masonry at bearing below door lintel and requires repair as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.6. Steel frame in East Stand forming the roof structure has areas of flaking paint and corrosion which requires to be treated as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.7. Steel frame in South Stand forming the roof structure has areas of flaking paint and corrosion which requires to be treated as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.

- 2.8. Gate 23 has cracked masonry at bearing below lintel and requires repair as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.9. PA system amplifier in South Stand is faulty and requires to be repaired or replaced.
- 2.10. Floodlights have areas of flaking paint and corrosion which requires to be treated as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.
- 2.11. Missing bolts used to secure the glass panels in front of exit 22 should be replaced and the remainder of glass panels checked and secured.
- 2.12. Front rail along upper level of South Stand should be painted to prevent corrosion becoming worse.
- 2.13. Double exit gate in front on exit 8 in North Stand should have fixings replaced.

3. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from the General Manager for Motherwell Football Club and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate.


Head of Central Services

Should any Member require further information please contact Graeme Duncan of Corporate Services on extension 2725.