

# NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - CLIFTONHILL STADIUM - COATBRIDGE	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 18 June 2007	Ref: GD/MT	

### 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 the 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 Cliftonhill Stadium and met with representatives from the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the Stadium.

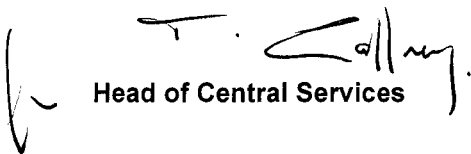
### 2. Current Position

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. Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted.
- 2.2. Internal and External Emergency Lighting Units to be repaired and tested as necessary.
- 2.3. Steel Frame forming the Main Stand showed extensive corrosion to the steel work. The Structural Engineer should comment and the affected area shall be treated as required.
- 2.4. Timber fillets set into steel roof pillars appear to have been affected by timber rot. The Structural Engineer should comment and appropriate action be taken as required.
- 2.5. A 10 metre long section of sheet metal boundary fence adjacent to the North Stand is damaged and off plumb and short section of the same boundary fence (adjacent to the service gate at the East Terrace) is also in poor condition. The Structural Engineer should comment and appropriate action be taken as required.

### 3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate Officers and representations from the General Manager of Albion Rovers 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 at extension 2725.