

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

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

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 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

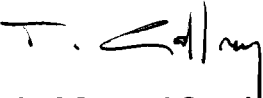
As a result of these inspections, the undernoted matters have been identified as requiring attention, details of which have been passed to the Stadium Manager for his attention.

- 2.1. Annual Risk Assessment to be submitted.
- 2.2. Annual Fire Risk Assessment to be submitted.
- 2.3. Annual Certificate of Structural Adequacy to be submitted.
- 2.4. Periodic Electrical Inspection Report to be submitted.
- 2.5. Written confirmation that the various fire door defects that were referred to in the letters from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue of 30 April 2007 have been rectified to be submitted.
- 2.6. Areas of steel frame in Main Stand forming the roof structure that are covered by bird droppings to be cleaned.
- 2.7. Areas of steel frame in North Stand forming the roof structure that are covered by bird droppings to be cleaned.
- 2.8. External elevation, local to fire exit at North Stand has loose loud speaker which requires to be secured.
- 2.9. Areas of steel frame in East Stand forming the roof structure that are covered by bird droppings to be cleaned.

2.10. Areas of steel frame in South Stand forming the roof structure that are covered by bird droppings to be cleaned.

3. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on these outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and representations from the Stadium Manager for Airdrie United 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.