

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - FIR PARK STADIUM, MOTHERWELL	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 07 July 2010	Ref: TG/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 of the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the ground.


**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 attention.

- 2.1. An annual periodic electrical inspection report is to be provided.
- 2.2. The metal platforms at the front end of the main stand require to be cleared of corrosion and repainted (the stadium management have subsequently advised that this has been done).
- 2.3. The plywood decking at the stairs in the main stand require to be replaced as they could cause a trip hazard (the stadium management have subsequently advised that this has been done).
- 2.4. Cracking to the surrounding base of some seats in the main stand requires to be investigated and made secure.
- 2.5. The steps in front of the metal exit stairs require to have contrasting nosings (the stadium management have subsequently advised that this has been done).
- 2.6. The nosings to the stairs in the south stand require repainting (the stadium management have subsequently advised that this has been done).
- 2.7. The concourse separating doors in the south stand require cold smoke brushes.
- 2.8. The broken fire protection boarding in the gym area requires to be repaired (the stadium management have subsequently advised that this has been done).

3. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee hear verbal updates on any outstanding issues by the appropriate officers and from the stadium management of Motherwell Football Club and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate accordingly.

  
  
**Head of Central Services**

Should any Member require further information please contact Tom Gaffney, Corporate Services extension 2342.