

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE	
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 Cliftonhill Stadium and met with representatives of the stadium management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the ground.

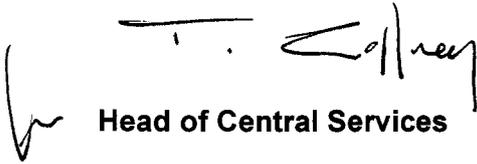
**2. Current Position**

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 submitted, this report to incorporate comments on upgraded floodlights.
- 2.2. A certificate of risk assessment of barriers, claddings and structural elements is to be provided.
- 2.3. A certificate of risk assessment of Cliftonhill Stadium's adequacy is to be provided.
- 2.4. Nosings on the steps of the east escape route should be repainted.
- 2.5. The loose step on the wooden stair to the Director's box requires to be repaired.
- 2.6. The repositioning of the fire fighting equipment on the stairs at the Director's box should be considered.
- 2.7. Any loose bricks on the wall to the west of the main stand should be removed and disposed of safely.
- 2.8. The boundary fence adjacent to the north stand is damaged and off plumb, and as previously agreed with the Club, this requires to be inspected regularly by a competent person and appropriate action taken if deterioration continues.

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 Cliftonhill Stadium 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.