

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - EXCELSIOR STADIUM, AIRDRIE
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
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### 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 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 requires to be provided.
- 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 Excelsior Stadium's adequacy is to be provided.
- 2.4. Directional signage requires to be placed in the corridor adjacent to the pump room in the main stand.
- 2.5. Directional signage requires to be placed in the concourse to the east stand.
- 2.6. Nosings require to be repainted to exit stairs.

### 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 Excelsior Stadium and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate accordingly.



Head of Central Services

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