

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 "Designed 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 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.

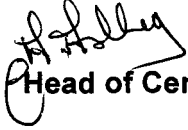
2. Current Position

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. The annual periodic electrical inspection report requires to be provided.
- 2.2. The certificate of risk assessment of barriers, claddings and structural elements requires to be provided.
- 2.3. The certificate of risk assessment of Excelsior Stadium's adequacy requires to be provided.
- 2.4. The gaps between the double fire doors located between the main stand, circulation area and all stairways are excessive and at present would allow the passage of smoke. The doors are to be re-adjusted to reduce the gap to an acceptable level to prevent the passage of smoke onto the stairways in the event of fire affecting the standing.
- 2.5. The damaged blockwork to the toilet block within the east stand should be repaired.
- 2.6. The nosings to all stairs should be repainted.
- 2.7. The damage to the blockwork wall at the exit gate between the north and west stands should be repaired.
- 2.8. A structural appraisal of all existing structures is to be undertaken and appropriate certification should be provided.

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