

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS - CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS - CLIFTONHILL STADIUM, COATBRIDGE	
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 Council 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 on the Working Group have carried out 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.
- 2.2. A Certificate of Risk Assessment of barriers, claddings and structural elements is to be provided.
- 2.3. The Certificate of Risk Assessment of Cliftonhill Stadium's adequacy is to be provided.
- 2.4. The nosings on the steps at the front entrance to the main stand requires to be painted.
- 2.5. The loose brickwork at the front of the main stand left hand side, requires to be repaired/removed.
- 2.6. The pigeon droppings require to be cleaned from the structure and removed from the seating in the main stand.
- 2.7. The loose bricks on the wall to the exist stairs to the west of the main stand should be removed.
- 2.8. Some fire exit signage in the main stand does not comply with the Health and Safety (Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996 and should be replaced.

- 2.9. One of the timber uprights supporting the UPVC glazed weather panel forming west gable of main stand has rotted through and no longer acts as a structural member and should be replaced.
- 2.10. The vertical timber baton which is fixed to the steel column which supports the UPVC glazed weather panel forming the west gable of the main stand has rotted through and should be replaced.
- 2.11. Arrangements are to be made for a structural appraisal of all existing structures to be undertaken and appropriate certification and support 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 Cliftonhill Stadium and consider the renewal of the General Safety Certificate accordingly.



**Head of Central Services**