

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 "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 inspections at Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge and met with representatives from the Stadium Management to discuss a number of issues relating to the General Safety Certificate for the ground.

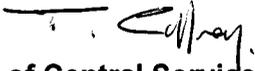
## 2. Current Position

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 his 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 submitted.
- 2.3. A Certificate of Risk Assessment of the Stadium's adequacy is to be submitted.
- 2.4. The nosings on the steps at the front entrance to the main stand are to be painted.
- 2.5. The loose bricks on the wall to the exit stairs to the west of the Main Stand to be removed.
- 2.6. The former female toilet to the east of the Main Stand is to be demolished and made safe
- 2.7. The North, East and West Terraces should be inspected and maintained regularly by a competent person(s) as the area will not be in use, accordingly it will not be included in the General Safety Certificate when issued. In addition they should also be cordoned off and supervised to prevent access.
- 2.8. With regard to the structural integrity of the stadium a list of matters has been identified which require comment either individually, or, as part of the annual certification arrangements as detailed in the Appendix to this report.

### 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

# North Lanarkshire Council Safety at Sports Grounds

## Annual Inspection Report 2013

Corporate Services, Design Service  
Addendum for Cliftonhill Stadium, Coatbridge

Annual Inspection 27th March 2013

### Sheet No. 1 - List of Structural Observations

#### **Annual Inspection:**

Management should arrange a detailed annual inspection of all structures, components and installations and provide appropriate certification in support of the same in accordance with clause 5.13 of the current Guide.

The Annual Inspection should be carried out by an appropriately skilled and experienced Chartered Engineer and it should clearly state which part(s) of the stadium are fit for purpose and which part(s) of the stadium are not fit for purpose.

#### **Structural Appraisal:**

Management should arrange a structural appraisal of all existing structures and provide appropriate certification in support of the same in accordance with clause 5.14 of the current Guide.

The appraisal methods described by the Institution of Structural Engineers in the publication *Appraisal of Existing Structures* are recommended. The appraisal should be carried out by a competent Chartered Engineer who has the appropriate skills and experience.

The requirement for a Structural Appraisal was introduced in the 2008 (5th Edition) of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds. The Standing Committee on Structural Safety (SCOSS) advises that an interval between appraisals of 6-10 years is likely to be appropriate for most large structures at sports grounds. If the Chartered Engineer considers that a Structural Appraisal is not appropriate at this time the reason(s) why should be clearly stated.

#### **Barriers and Risk Assessment:**

Management should arrange a Barriers Risk Assessment and provide appropriate certification in support of the same in accordance with clause 11.18 of the current Guide.

The Risk Assessment (which in practice, will be carried out in a similar fashion to an Annual Inspection) should be conducted and recorded by a Chartered Engineer, Architect or Surveyor who has the appropriate skill and experience.

#### **General:**

We understand that the East, North and West terraces will not be used and will not form part of the licence for 2013/14. These areas should therefore be closed/cordoned off/supervised to prevent access.

The masonry wall and metal barriers forming the boundary to the West, North and East terraces should be inspected regularly by a competent person(s) and appropriate repairs should be carried out as (and when) necessary. The annual inspection report should comment on this.