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Dear Brenda

### Pittodrie Safety Certificate And Related Matters

Further to our meeting on 27 April 2010 I write to confirm the position of Grampian Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) regarding the Pittodrie football stadium Safety Certification process and our role in the Advisory Group.

Under Section 61(9) (a) of the Fire Scotland Act 2005, as amended, GFRS are not the Enforcing Authority for sports grounds, consequently the Service will not undertake audits in respect to Pittodrie football stadium. The Enforcing Authority for a sports ground is the local authority which in this case is Aberdeen City Council.

In relation to advice and support on fire safety matters, GFRS will carry out the following actions and provide support to Aberdeen City Council in line with the matters identified below.

- GFRS will audit the areas that are not the sports ground or the areas in and out of the stadium used by spectators. These audits will be carried out in line with our risk based audit programme. Any reports appropriate to these audits will be copied to the Licensing Authority;
- GFRS will continue to attend and contribute to the Safety Advisory Group;
- GFRS will continue to provide advice regarding specific fire safety matters on request of Aberdeen City Council regarding fire safety issues relevant to the Sports Ground Safety Certificate;
- GFRS will, on request, attend an annual pre-match inspection on a match day in an advisory capacity on.

I trust that the above provides the information you require and look forward to our continued contribution to assist in providing for the safety of members of the public that attend Pittodrie football stadium.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Lackie  
Legislative Fire Safety Manager

