REPORT TO: DEVELOPMENT QUALITY COMMITTEE - 30 OCTOBER 2006

REPORT ON: BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

SECTIONS 29 & 30 - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 597-2006

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise members of the action taken in dealing with dangerous buildings during the months of July and August.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All costs incurred in taking direct action, including staff time and administration charges, will be recovered from individual owners.

4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There following sustainability issues of relevance to this report.

Built Environment

- Protect the quality and diversity of the city's built heritage and enhance the city centre and local environments through ongoing regeneration.
- Adopt sustainable practices in the design, construction and maintenance of Council buildings and infrastructure, and encourage others to adopt similar practices.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications of relevance to this report.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 <u>Dangerous Building Notices</u>

- a 44 incidents relating to public safety of dangerous buildings were investigated during the months of July and August. No formal notices under Building (Scotland) Act 2003 were issued during this period.
- b A notice was served on 1-3 Bank Street/38-64 Reform Street, Dundee without adequate response. We now seek permission to carry out remedial works and recommend that the contract be awarded to Nortel Builders in accordance with the tender submitted.

6.2 Direct Action Taken

Direct action has been taken on 2 occasions to ensure public safety is maintained under Section 29(2) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003.

a 9 Guthrie Street

Derelict Building - Gates have been chained and padlocked. Cleansing are presently dealing with owner to have the area cleared of all waste material. The owner is arranging for access to the building to be built over with concrete blocks.

<u>Owner</u>

Mr Daud, 41 Fairfield Road

b 31 Provost Road

Partially collapsed rear boundary wall - area has been barricaded off.

Owners

Flat 3 North - R Watt Flat 3 South - R & P Matthews

Flat 2 North - Mr & Mrs M Matthews Flat 2 South - Gratis Dundee Ltd

Stannergate House 41 Dundee Road West Broughty Ferry Dundee DD5 1NB

Flat 1 North - Awaiting details. Flat 1 South - Dundee Property Development

Co Scotland Dundee House Dundee Drive Alloa FK10 9EN

Flat G North - Awaiting details. Flat G South - awaiting details.

6.3 Advisory Letters Issued

2 letters were issued to owners during this period.

- a 7 Paradise Road de-laminating masonry on the facade of the building.
- b 14-22 Tannadice Street partially collapsed wall in rear storage yard.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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