REPORT TO:DEVELOPMENT QUALITY COMMITTEE - 2 DECEMBER 2002REPORT ON:BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1959
SECTION 13 - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 795-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise members of the action taken in dealing with dangerous buildings during the month of September 2002.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that 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 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Ensuring that buildings are maintained in a safe condition will contribute towards Key Theme 8 by creating a safe and pleasant environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dangerous Building Notices

The City Engineer investigated 28 incidents relating to public safety of dangerous buildings during the month of September 2002. During this period no formal Notices were issued under Section 13(1c) of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959.

6.2 Direct Action Taken

Direct action has been taken in 3 instances to ensure Public Safety is maintained under Section 13(1b) of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959.

6.2.1 <u>Wellbank Lane</u> - Partially collapsed boundary wall has been rebuilt.

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6.2.2 <u>12 Brown Constable Street</u> - Partially board over broken stairwell windows.

Flat G/1 - Scottish Paralegal Services, 211A Albert Street, Dundee, DD4 6QA Flat G/2 - Tayside Properties Ltd, 10 Tay Square, Dundee Flat 1/1 - Ms L Hunter, Flat 2, Grange House, Grange Road, Monifieth, DD5 3QW Flat 1/2 - Stobsmuir Enterprises, 3 Rennel Road, Dundee, DD4 7DU Flat 2/1 - P S Properties, 50 Dudhope Crescent Road, Dundee, DD1 5RR Flat 2/2 - Mr S Mir - Resident Owner Flat 3/1 - Dudhope Properties, 63 Dock Street, Dundee, DD1 3DU Flat 3/2 - Mr J L Johnston - Resident Owner

6.2.3 <u>45 Commercial Street, Dundee</u> - Board over 1st floor broken window.

Mr D Barn c/o D & A Motor Factors West Hendersons Wynd Dundee

6.3 Advisory Letters Issued

Letters were issued to owners advising them to have their properties inspected and to undertake the necessary repairs to the following properties.

- 6.3.1 <u>38/40 Seagate</u>
- 6.3.2 <u>35 St Andrews Street</u>
- 6.3.3 <u>37 St Andrews Street</u>
- 6.3.4 <u>39 St Andrews Street</u>
- 6.3.5 <u>110-116 Seagate</u>
- 6.3.6 <u>17 Crichton Street</u>
- 6.3.7 Burns Club

- Vegetation growing at roof level.
- Spalling masonry
- Spalling masonry, open window
- Spalling masonry
- Spalling masonry, loose chimney pots
- Cracked Chimney Head
- Bulging/leaning retaining wall.

Old Muirton Road Lochee Dundee

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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