

Maintenance of Tenemental Properties

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Dear Ms Robison

Many congratulations on your appointment. BEFS look forward to working with you over the course of the Parliament.

Ben Macpherson suggested that the enclosed documents were provided for you, and your team's information.

BEFS (with RICS) have been secretariat for the *Cross Party Working Group on Maintenance of Tenement Scheme Property*. The secretariat function is now shared by BEFS and Under One Roof, and we will act according to the needs of any group that shall be formed in the coming Parliament; continuing to support the ongoing workplan, and promote further actions as needed.

It is positive to note the existing Scottish Government Workplan (updated in 2021) in relation to this group - link in full below for reference. The research projects (tendered, and due to be tendered), as well as the work on the Universal Housing Standard all support the long-term changes being sought. Additionally, we look forward to hearing more information on the progress of the Scottish Law Commission in relation to the law reform portion of the workplan.

The proposed changes to tenemental property can enable constituents to more easily maintain their homes, supporting appropriate adaptations to meet net-zero (decarbonising heating), provide skilled local employment opportunities, and enable a vital piece of our infrastructure to continue providing high quality, warm homes for the future.

The organisations previously involved with the Working Group remain committed to the process and look forward to engaging with the Scottish Government to continue this work.

We look forward to supporting work across your portfolio.

Yours sincerely



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Director

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