

7 DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AT 4 DUNCAN STREET (AN328-2003)

As a result of complaints from the adjacent proprietor, the City Engineer has monitored and inspected the above buildings since October 2002. Since that time the property has been subjected to ongoing vandalism and fire raising. Following a serious fire at the weekend of 30th March, 2003 the property was inspected and found to be in a dangerous condition. Immediate action was taken to make the buildings safe and the owners' attention was drawn to the condition of the remainder of the property.

No further remedial action was taken and a Notice was served on the owners on 23rd April, 2003 requiring them to carry out the necessary work to make the property safe. The Notice was not complied with and a further Notice of the Council's intention to make an Order under Section 13 of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959 was issued on 16th June 2003.

The owners have failed to comply with the terms of the Notice and authority is now sought to serve an order on the owners requiring the works to be carried out. Should the owners fail to comply with the Order, authority is sought for the City Engineer to obtain tenders and arrange for these works to be carried out. All costs associated with the above will be recovered from the owners.