

REPORT TO: DEVELOPMENT QUALITY COMMITTEE - 20 AUGUST 2007

**REPORT ON: BUILDING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003
SECTIONS 29 & 30 - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 335-2007

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of the actions taken in dealing with dangerous buildings during the months of May and June 2007.

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 The following sustainability issues are 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 Dangerous Building Notices

14 incidents relating to public safety of dangerous buildings were investigated during the month of May 2007 and 16 incidents were investigated during June 2007. No formal notices under Building (Scotland) Act 2003 were issued during this period

6.2 Direct Action Taken

Direct action was taken on 1 occasion to ensure public safety was maintained under Section 29(2) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003:

Sydhur Properties - 226-232 Hilltown - Fire Damaged Property
49 Meadowside
Dundee; and

Mohammed Khan, 14 Kingsway West, Dundee

- 6.3 No direct action has been taken to ensure public safety is maintained under Section 29(2) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

6.4 Advisory Letters Issued

No letters were issued to owners during this period.

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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