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Property Address: 7 & 8 Saunders Street, Edinburgh – Main Roof and Canopy

Decision to Enforce Repair

We write to you in relation to the defect reported at your property and further to our letters of 20 October and 30 November.

We have previously advised you that the defect has been assessed as requiring an 'essential' repair and therefore falls within scope of the Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service (ESRS). We have engaged with you and your co-owners to try and support you to progress the repair privately, however it now appears very unlikely that the owners will carry out the necessary work privately.

The project has been reviewed at the ESRS Panel which considers cases such as these, and the decision has been taken to undertake a detailed survey of the presenting defect. The Council is empowered to carry out surveys and recover costs incurred from owners under sections 20 and 22(8) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

The detailed Survey and report will be arranged and carried out by an ESRS Chartered Building Surveyor. At present the workload within ESRS is extremely high and as such there may be a delay to this part of the process however when the Survey is arranged, the Surveyor will write to all owners to let them know when this is due to be carried out.

Following the survey, ESRS may serve a Statutory Notice on your building under the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991. Where a Statutory

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Notice has been issued, owners can still choose to organise the repairs privately by telling us (showing cause) as to why the Council should not carry out the work. The Council may carry out the works required if owners do not show cause or take responsibility for progressing the works privately. Please note that owners are still liable for the cost of the survey if they later take responsibility for the works.

If you wish to object to the Council's further involvement, please inform us within 14 days of the date of this letter.

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