



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Cllr Shona Morrison
President
COSLA

1 April 2025

Dear Shona,

Building safety and maintenance – council remediation

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has been considering issues of building safety and maintenance

On 17 December 2024, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to focus its annual building safety work on damp and mould in the rental sector and Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

It agreed to seek written views from stakeholders and subsequently to take oral evidence. The purpose of both is to inform an evidence session with the Minister for Housing which will take place on 22 April.

On 25 March, the Committee heard from local authorities (City of Edinburgh Council, Dundee City Council, Angus Council and Clackmannanshire Council). A theme which arose was the efficacy of in house remediation teams to carry out required works, as opposed to external contractors.

The Committee agreed to write to you to ask which councils have in house teams dedicated to remediation work on damp and mould/RAAC and how best practice is shared among those councils on approach to remediation and with councils who outsource this work.

In order for this information to inform our evidence session with the Minister for Housing, I request this information by 17 April 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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