



Item 5.1 - Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 1 December 2016

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Recent news	Background
<p><u>Property Conservation - Legacy Closure Programme and Edinburgh Shared Repairs Services (ESRS)</u></p> <p><u>August to October 2016 Update</u></p> <p><u>Legacy Closure programme</u></p> <p>Progress in the closure of the former Property Conservation service over the last three months has seen a further reduction in debt outstanding from £4.3m to £3.8m.</p> <p>The total recovery rate in debt collected and secured debt has now reached £13.5m equivalent to 77%.</p> <p>Within the last three months, a data cleansing exercise has been completed resulting in a total of 11500 historic unenforced statutory notices being cancelled.</p>	<p>Contact: Andrew Field, ESRS Senior Manager, Property and Facilities Management mailto:andrew.field@edinburgh.gov.uk Tel: 0131 529 6778</p>

Ongoing issues relate predominately to debt recovery, settlement and technical queries that will be subject to handover into mainstream services in due course. It is anticipated that some of this legacy work along with the risks and challenges associated with Statutory Notice enforcement services will transfer to the newly formed Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service.

ESRS Update

The ESRS provides Customer Contact, Intervention, Emergency, Enforcement and Finance services.

By the end of October, case officers had offered advice and guidance to owners representing 183 potential tenement repair projects.

The service has been successful in closing a further 10 cases since August. Overall successful intervention has increased from 38% to 67% of all cases accepted.

The service has received one missing share application which has been approved by the Council.

The Council has approved one further project for enforcement since August where owners could not arrange works and did not object to Council intervention. Seven cases in total have been approved for enforcement whereby the Council will issues Statutory Notices and directly carry out the repairs projects.

The Emergency Repairs service continues to attend on average 50 emergency situations per month.

Forthcoming activities
