

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Regulatory Committee

30th September 2024

Item 8.1 – Fire in Breadalbane Street: Licensing of Agents and Factors

Committee

Adds

1.1.3 Notes the above findings, particularly at 4.6 of the report which outlines there is no explicit legal or enforceable duty to support tenants displaced by fire or other emergencies, and notes Point 87 of the Scottish government’s ‘Letting Agents Code of Practice’; *“If emergency arrangements are part of your service, you must have in place procedures for dealing with emergencies (including dealing with out-of-hours incidents, if that is part of the service) and for giving contractors access to properties for emergency repairs.”* which is not a material factor for consideration within the wider registration process as outlined in 4.2 of the report.

1.1.4 Requests the Regulatory Convenor writes to both the relevant constituency MSP and the Scottish Government’s Housing minister notifying them of this report, the conditionality of Point 87 of the ‘Code of Practice’, and the concerns raised in the initial motion for their consideration within future Landlord ‘best practice’ guidance and ‘statutory guidance for local authorities’.

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