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Dear Annemarie,

**ACM - Private high rise domestic buildings in Glasgow**

I am pleased that Glasgow City Council has now accepted the offer of technical assistance from the Scottish Government. This will ensure that checks on private high rise domestic buildings can be completed as quickly as possible, and that you can provide reassurance to owners and residents and take any action necessary.

I know your officers will be working on what needs to be communicated to owners and residents and how that should be done – for both those who are in buildings that are safe and those in buildings where you believe action is necessary. We will all agree that a coordinated and planned approach to achieving public reassurance is not just desirable but necessary. Therefore I would like to stress the absolute importance of getting that communication right.

Owners and residents need reassurance and for that to be achieved information provided must be accurate and clearly outline any steps the Council intend to take and what the impact will be. This goes beyond just writing to owners and residents of the affected buildings. I would strongly recommend that you also put in place door to door calls to any residents impacted. Any advice to owners and residents must also be equally accurate and clear. I would be grateful if you can share with me copies of your planned communication, once these are available.

Can I also ask that if further assistance is required from the local Fire and Rescue Service, for example to carry out additional detailed fire risk assessments, that the information relayed to them is accurate and timely.

I am happy to meet or to discuss any issues by telephone. If you would find this helpful, please contact my office to make the necessary arrangements. I am copying this letter to Susan Aitken, Council Leader.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Kevin*

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Dear Susan,

ACM - [REDACTED] properties

I appreciate the updates I have received from your officials on the steps being taken with the owners and factors to make the [REDACTED] properties safe.

I have, however, received a number of letters from owners in the building, as has their local MSP Sandra White, expressing concerns about the situation in which they find themselves. I am sure you will have received similar letters. The situation is clearly distressing and it is important that it is resolved as quickly as possible. I cannot stress enough the importance of the role Glasgow City Council plays; in the actions it takes and the good communication and advice it offers owners that will enable them to agree and implement a long term solution for their building.

I would appreciate if you would continue to keep me abreast of progress. I am copying this letter to Annemarie O'Donnell, Chief Executive.

Yours aye,  
Kevin

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