

From: Stewart C (Cameron)
Sent: 28 August 2017 10:09
To: Fraser K (Karen); Dodds WH (Bill)
Cc: Chief Planner
Subject: RE: For Action - Ministerial meeting with city of Edinburgh council

Hi Bill

The Minister did raise concerns regarding Building Standards, particularly in relation to the Cole report. The Chief Executive said that they had implemented all of the recommendations from Cole however, the one main issue they were having is in the recruitment of building surveyors – after a huge recruitment round they have only managed to appoint 1. Mr Stewart said they should be looking to share resources with other LAs, which they agreed and said they were already doing with surveyors from Aberdeen and the Highlands.

The CE also confirmed that intrusive surveys have been carried out in 90% of all public buildings built at similar time as the school that triggered the Cole report. In the vast majority of cases there have been no issues identified although there have been a couple including a gym wall similar to that at Oxfangs. However, they confirmed that all schools are “safe” including any fire stop issues.

Mr Stewart did say that they should call on you and your team if they require any assistance.

Thanks,

Cameron Stewart

Head of Local Government Policy and Relationships Unit

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From: Fraser K (Karen)
Sent: 28 August 2017 09:54
To: Dodds WH (Bill)
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Hi Bill,

I think that most of the discussion focused on planning/housing issues but Cameron and John supported the Minister so should be able to provide more information.

Kind regards
Karen

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From: Dodds WH (Bill)

Sent: 27 August 2017 21:39

To: Fraser K (Karen)

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Karen

Amy feedback on how the meeting went?

Bill