

TENEMENT MAINTENANCE CONSULTATION

The Scottish Parliamentary Working Group on the Maintenance of Tenement Scheme Property has been meeting since March 2018 with the purpose of establishing solutions to aid, assist and compel owners of tenement properties to maintain their buildings.

On 16 January 2019 the working group published interim recommendations to enhance the ability of tenement owners to work collectively encouraging and enabling effective maintenance and repair of their properties.

The working group are seeking responses to these recommendations:

- Compulsory **owners' associations**, established as corporate bodies so that they can enter into contracts.
- Compulsory **sinking funds** to pay for ongoing maintenance costs, enforced by a requirement to pay any outstanding contributions during conveyancing.
- **Five yearly inspections** of the common parts of tenements by a qualified professional, to show what work is needed and how much it is likely to cost. This should be made publically available.

More detail on these interim recommendations is found at <https://www.befs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SPWG-Interim-Recommendations.pdf>

Further information on the consultation is available at: <http://www.befs.org.uk/policy-topics/buildings-maintenance-2/>