

21st August 2012

Cllr J G Rust
The City of Edinburgh Council
City Chambers
High Street
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Dear Cllr Rust

Motion re Scottish Power upgrade work in Oxgangs and citywide implications

Following a meeting of the Edinburgh Tenants Federation Executive Committee, I am writing to inform you that ETF supports your motion regarding the upgrade of electricity supply in Oxgangs and the issues this has caused for tenants.

Whilst we welcome the kitchen and bathroom installation programme in Oxgangs, ETF is concerned that the electricity supply is insufficient for tenants to run both showers and cookers. Scottish Power had said the work to upgrade the supply would take a few weeks however this has now run into months. During this time, tenants cannot use their showers. This has implications for the warranty of the showers, which presumably has started, however showers are not being used.

We have received a complaint from a tenant who has terminal cancer. He cannot use his shower, and is too ill to get into the bath. This situation is unacceptable.

ETF asks that this issue is rectified for the benefit of tenants urgently, and urges the Council to contact Scottish Power to address the ongoing problems.

ETF is also concerned about the implications for the Housing Revenue Account in additional work for EBS in checking and showers and reconnecting fuse boxes.

We would urge a more co-ordinated approach to kitchen and bathroom work where electrical supply is being upgraded and ask the Council for an update on these issues.

Yours sincerely

Betty Stevenson
Convenor