

**Welcome** to the first newsletter for residents in the Moredun high rise flats.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep local residents informed of improvements in and around the six high flats at Moredun. Work within the area will be delivered in partnership with the Moredun Multis and Maisonettes Residents Association (MMMRA) and local residents.

This newsletter has information about **improvement works** that are planned for six multi storey flats and longer-term plans for the blocks and also about a proposed **environmental improvement project** within the open space that we are looking to progress.



With Covid-19 cases still affecting communities, it's important that we all remember to

- wear a face covering
- avoid crowded places
- clean hands and surfaces regularly
- stay 2 metres away from other people
- self-isolate and book a test if we have Covid-19 symptoms.



You'll know that advice on coronavirus is changing all the time, you can keep up to date by visiting [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus) and [www.edinburgh.gov.uk](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk).

**Thank you all for your support and understanding as we work to manage the ongoing challenges and a special mention for the concierge teams who have continued to support residents through this time.**



## Proposed Block Improvements

The following works are being considered for the six multi storey blocks.

## Automatic Opening Vents

There are currently Automatic Opening Vents (AOVs) within all the blocks in Moredun, which are designed to disperse smoke in the event of a fire. These are a mixture of designs solutions which were installed prior to the refurbishment of the blocks before 1996. It is planned to replace the AOVs within all blocks. This work is designed to improve fire safety provision and smoke control within the blocks. The tendering process for getting contractors to carry out the work is currently underway and it is anticipated that the new AOVs will be installed before the summer of 2021.

## Common Areas

Following the completion of the AOV upgrades, we will be looking at making improvements to the common areas within the blocks. This will involve making upgrades to the landings, stairwells, foyers and common area fire doors. The block entrance doors will also be looked at with consideration as to improving wheelchair access.

## Window Improvements

An overhaul and repair of the windows within each flat are needed to address current tenant concerns. The way in which we would propose to do this is to initially look at upgrading and repairing the existing windows that are in place with the view to improving their thermal efficiency via the replacement of gaskets and giving them a general overhaul. This approach would be piloted within a couple of properties as they become vacant to see if the approach is effective. If so, it would then be rolled out to all other properties. The investigation and trials will take place prior to the end of the year.

## Lifts

The work to replace the lifts within the six blocks is almost complete with Forteviot and Castlevue being the final ones to be done.

## Longer term improvements

The Council is due to commission a Citywide High-Rise condition survey to find out how the different parts of the multi storey blocks throughout Edinburgh are bearing up. The results of this survey will determine future investment works in the multis within Edinburgh. Allied to this is the Council's commitment to achieving Net Zero Carbon emissions within its homes by 2030. The upgrades to the windows as detailed above is part of this drive towards making our houses more energy efficient and easier to heat. There will be other works commissioned in the future designed to reduce carbon emissions.

## Repairs Service Update

The Council is still operating a restricted repairs service. Emergency and urgent repairs are being carried out, but some non-emergency repair requests are also being taken with appointment slots being made available. The current situation regarding repairs can be found at the following page on the Council's website



<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councilhousererepairs> Tel no. 0131 200 2345

## Future Environmental Project

We are looking at progressing environmental improvements within the large open space area at Moredunvale. This project is at an early stage as we are currently looking at securing funding for such work via the Housing - Neighbourhood Environmental Improvement Programme (NEPS). The exact details of what could be delivered would be subject to discussion and consultation, but in general we would be looking to make landscape improvements within the open space that would increase its' bio-diversity and overall make it a more desirable area for local residents to use and live within.

There will be further information about this, and consultation events will be organised to shape and influence what is developed within the open space. If you are interested in getting involved please get in touch at [\*\*housingregeneration@edinburgh.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:housingregeneration@edinburgh.gov.uk).

## Other Contacts

### Local Housing Contact

For any issues regarding your tenancy please contact your local housing officer:

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### Energy Advice

For advice and information on how to reduce your heating bills – from help with heating controls to how to change your energy supplier you can contact the Energy Advice Service :

Visit [changeworks.org.uk](http://changeworks.org.uk)

Email [warmth@changeworks.org.uk](mailto:warmth@changeworks.org.uk)

Call Changeworks on **0800 870 8800** (free)



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