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Survey Report On

Glenora, Grainbank Road, St Ola, Orkney, KW15 1UA.

Client: Executors of Beryl Bews.

Client address: c/o D&H, 56a Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1HQ.

Date of inspection: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Prepared by:

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#### **1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION**

This section tells you about the type, accommodation, neighbourhood, age and construction of the property. It also tells you about the extent of the inspection and highlights anything that the surveyor could not inspect.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without the need to move any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

The inspection is carried out without causing damage to the building or its contents and without endangering the occupiers or the surveyor. Heavy furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved. Unless identified in the report the surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

Services such as TV/cable connection, internet connection, swimming pools and other leisure facilities etc. were not inspected or reported on.

Description	Detached single storey bungalow with attached garage.	
Accommodation	Vestibule, Hallway, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Rear Entrance Area, Wet Room Shower and 3 Bedrooms.	
Gross external floor area (m²)	House - 96m <sup>2</sup> . Garage - 19m <sup>2</sup> .	
Neighbourhood and location	Situated in a predominantly private residential area on the outskirts of Kirkwall.	
Age	c.1960's – exact date is not known.	
Weather	Dry and dull.	
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Left hand side concrete block chimney stack, plastered & dashed, with coping and 1 pot. Visible leadwork where passing through the roof. The right hand stack appears to be of concrete block construction, plastered & dashed, with coping and 1 pot, but does not extend up from within the house.	

<ul> <li>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</li> <li>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</li> <li>Pitched roof clad asbestos slate on felt, timber sarking boards and trusses.</li> <li>Fibreglass insulation laid between and over ceiling joists within the roof space, limiting inspection access.</li> </ul>
Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
P.V.C gutters and downpipes.
Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected. Concrete block cavity walls finished plaster and dash.
Visible evidence of previous cavity fill insulation. Smooth rendered bands to front elevation corners and around window & door openings.
External doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open.
<ul> <li>u.P.V.C double glazed windows and front external door.</li> <li>u.P.V.C rear external door.</li> <li>P.V.C fascia boards and soffits with asbestos soffits to front entrance area.</li> </ul>
Visually inspected.
None.
Visually inspected.
None.
Visually inspected.
None.

Garages and	Visually inspected.
permanent outbuildings	Attached concrete block garage with mono-pitched fibreglass roof, concrete floor, u.P.V.C rear door and front electric vehicle door. Rigid insulation has been fitted to the underside of the roof, which appears to have been replaced at an unknown date. Basic timber shed.
Outside areas and	Visually inspected.
boundaries	Front and rear garden areas with concrete pathways. Driveway to front of garage. Concrete block boundary walls, where open to inspection.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
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	Ceilings are lined plasterboard.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for
	dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls and partitions are lined plasterboard.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point. Suspended timber floors.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Internal doors are a combination of timber flush or glazed panelled. Timber facings and skirtings. Built in kitchen units.
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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Chimney breast to sitting room lined plasterboard. Open fireplace to sitting room with tiled hearth and surround.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Ceilings and walls are finished either emulsion or papered. Paint finish to internal joinery.
Cellars	Visually inspected.
	None.
	None.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.
	Mains electricity supply.
Gas	Visually inspected.
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	No mains gas in Orkney.
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains water supply. Wet Room Shower – mixer shower, wash hand basin and W.C. Stainless steel kitchen sink with drainer. Unlagged cold water storage tank in roof space.
Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Oil fired combi boiler to radiator central heating
	system. Open fireplace to sitting room.
	P.V.C oil storage tank.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains connection.

Fire, smoke and<br/>burglar alarmsVisually inspected.<br/>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or<br/>appliances.

Smoke detectors to hallway. High heat detector to kitchen. Carbon monoxide alarm to hallway.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Fire Safety Legislation effective from February 2022 requires a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat detecting alarm must be installed in every kitchen area and all smoke and heat alarms must be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance e.g. central heating boiler, open fire, wood burning stove etc, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. The purchaser(s) should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.

#### Any additional limits to inspection:

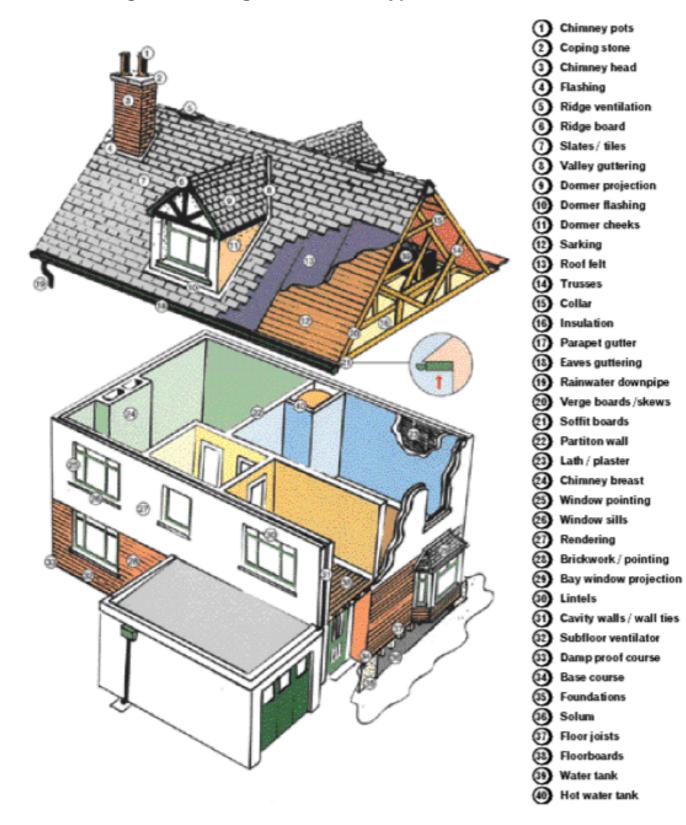
There was no access for inspection to the foundations, to behind side wall linings or to the underside of the main floor construction. Fitted coverings prevented access to the floor surfaces. Fibreglass insulation laid between and over ceiling joists within the roof space. Outside areas are unkempt. Rigid insulation fitted to the underside of the garage roof. The condition or efficiency of the heating and drainage systems cannot be commented upon.

Tests by the Health Protection Agency have identified some properties in Orkney as having natural levels of Radon Gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the Health Protection Agency. Telephone 01235 822745/876/737.

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species was not carried out and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of this report, it is assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

It is out with the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.

# Sectional diagram showing elements of a typical house



Reference may be made in this report to some or all of the above component parts of the property. This diagram may assist you in locating and understanding these terms.

## 2. CONDITION

# This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of three categories.

<b>Category 3:</b> Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.	Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.
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Structu	iral movement
Repair category	1
Notes:	There was no evidence of significant subsidence, settlement or cracking to the main walls.
Dampn	ess, rot and infestation
Repair category	2
Notes:	<ul> <li>High moisture readings and staining to sarking boards within roof space by right gable.</li> <li>Slightly high moisture readings noted to the following, which should be monitored. This is not an exhaustive list:- <ul> <li>Sitting Room – chimney breast, gable wall and front wall</li> <li>Front Right Bedroom – gable wall and wall below window</li> </ul> </li> <li>Woodworm noted to main roof timbers – confirm if treated and any guarantee obtained.</li> <li>Areas of wet rot to timber shed.</li> </ul>
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The right hand stack does not appear to extend up from within the house. This does not appear to be causing any obvious problems but should be continually monitored. Cracking to left hand stack coping, as viewed from ground level.

Roofin	g including roof space
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<ul> <li>High moisture readings and woodworm noted as per "Dampness, rot and infestation".</li> <li>The asbestos slate is showing its age and will require future replacement – an exact timescale for this cannot be confirmed.</li> <li>Ridges tiles are weathered in appearance with areas of missing mortar noted.</li> <li>Several slates have been replaced to the rear slope.</li> </ul>
Rainwa	ater fittings
Repair category:	1
Notes:	P.V.C gutters and downpipes are weathered in appearance. The efficiency of the system cannot be commented upon, as it was not raining at the time of inspection.
Main w	alls
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<ul> <li>Area of boss (loose) / missing render below rear bedroom window and around shower room window.</li> <li>Cracking noted to the following, this is not an exhaustive list:- <ul> <li>sitting room window sill and wall below</li> <li>rear bedroom window lintel</li> <li>rear external door ingo</li> <li>wall below kitchen window</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section of front left bedroom window sill has come away.</li> <li>A number of window sills are weathered.</li> </ul>
Window	ws, external doors and joinery
Repair category:	2
Notes:	A number of double glazing units appear to have failed. Sealant has come away from sitting room window frame.
Extern	al decorations
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Conse	rvatories / porches
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Comm	unal areas
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	

Garag	es and permanent outbuildings
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Crack to garage vehicle door lintel.
	Repaired and boss (loose) render between rear garage door upper
	ingo and eaves.
	Wet rot to timber shed as per <i>"Dampness, rot and infestation".</i>
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Outside areas are unkempt.
	General cracking to concrete block boundary walls and concrete
	pathways.
Ceiling	gs
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Visible plasterboard joints to a number of ceilings.
Interna	al walls
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Slightly high moisture readings noted as per "Dampness, rot and infestation".
Floors	including sub-floors
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Suspended timber floors felt sound when walked upon.
	There is an access hatch in the vestibule which could not be lifted at
	the time of inspection but is loose when walked upon.
Interna	al joinery and kitchen fittings
Repair category:	2
Notes:	A number of internal doors do not fully close and handles are slack.
	Glazing to door between vestibule and hallway does not appear to
Chimr	be safety glass.
	iey breasts and meplaces
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Slightly high moisture readings noted as per "Dampness, rot and infestation".
	The condition or efficiency of the flue cannot be commented upon.
	al decorations
Repair category:	2
Notes:	<ul> <li>Internal decorations are dated with areas of marking / staining noted.</li> </ul>
	The property would benefit from redecoration.

Cellars	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Electric	>ity
Repair category:	2
Notes:	As per distribution board sticker, next inspection was recommended for 28.1.16 – confirm when last inspected. The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspections and testing are undertaken at least every ten years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.
Gas	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
Water,	plumbing and bathroom fittings
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects, where open to inspection.
Heating	g and hot water
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Boiler flue cage is rusted and broken. The condition or efficiency of the heating system cannot be commented upon – confirm when last inspected. The heating system should be periodically tested by a qualified engineer, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, and any recommendations implemented.
Drainag	је
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The condition or efficiency of the drainage system cannot be commented upon.

Set out below is a summary of the condition of the property which is provided for reference only. You should refer to the comments above for detailed information.

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Structural movement	1	Repair Categories
Dampness, rot and infestation	2	
Chimney stacks	1	Category 3:
Roofing including roof space	2	Urgent Repairs or replacement are
Rainwater fittings	1	needed now.
Main walls	2	Failure to deal with
Windows, external doors and joinery	2	them may cause
External decorations	N/A	problems to other
Conservatories / porches	N/A	parts of the property or cause a
Communal areas	N/A	safety hazard.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2	Estimates for
Outside areas and boundaries	2	repairs or
Ceilings	1	replacement are needed now.
Internal walls	1	needed now.
Floors including sub-floors	1	Category 2:
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2	Repairs or
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1	replacement
Internal decorations	2	requiring future attention, but
Cellars	N/A	estimates are still
Electricity	2	advised.
Gas	N/A	
Water, plumbing and bathroom	1	Category 1:
fittings		No immediate
Heating and hot water	2	action or repair is needed.
Drainage	1	
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#### Remember

The cost of repairs may influence the amount someone is prepared to pay for the property. We recommend that relevant estimates and reports are obtained in your own name.

#### Warning

If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions where the effect can be considerable.

### **3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION**

#### **Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information**

<u>Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:</u> In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

<u>Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:</u> For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes: Parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	Ground
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	No
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	No
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes

#### 4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

This section highlights information that should be checked with a solicitor or licensed conveyancer. It also gives an opinion of market value and an estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes.

#### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Confirm:-

- 1. Site boundaries and ownership & maintenance responsibilities of boundaries
- 2. If woodworm treated and any guarantee obtained
- 3. If any alterations requiring planning, building warrant or any other Local Authority Consents have been carried out and the necessary approvals obtained

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this Home Report, regardless of whether reported as category 1, 2 or 3 (please read category definitions), it is always best practice to obtain detailed competitive estimates from reputable contractors or specialists prior to entering into any legally binding contract.

#### Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£270,000.

#### Valuation and market comments

Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pounds, £230,000.

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Signed:		
Date of report:	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report and a generic Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript or retype of the generic Mortgage Valuation Report on to Lender specific pro-forma. Transcript reports are commonly requested by Brokers and Lenders. The transcript report will be in the format required by the Lender but will contain the same information, inspection date and valuation figure as the generic Mortgage Valuation Report and the Single Survey. The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report until the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing.

Once the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing, the Purchaser's lender or conveyancer may request that the Surveyors provide general comment on standard appropriate supplementary documentation. In the event of a significant amount of documentation being provided to the Surveyors, an additional fee may be incurred by the Purchaser. Any additional fee will be agreed in writing.

If information is provided to the Surveyors during the conveyancing process which materially affects the valuation stated in the Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report, the Surveyors reserve the right to reconsider the valuation. Where the Surveyors require to amend the valuation in consequence of such information, they will issue an amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to every prospective Purchaser.

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property. 1

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Seller's Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box.

The Surveyors have a written complaints handling procedure. This is available from the offices of the Surveyors at the address stated.

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

The Report will identify the nature and source of information relied upon in its preparation

The Surveyor shall provide a Market Value of the Property, unless the condition of the Property is such that it would be inappropriate to do so. A final decision on whether a loan will be granted rests with the Lender who may impose retentions in line with their lending criteria. The date of condition and value of the property will be the date of inspection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (the Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – WITH MVR – SEPTEMBER 2009

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

#### 1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in the expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to

- the Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular, the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

#### 1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

#### 1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to

whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report. 2

#### 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless they assign the same to any other party in writing.

#### 1.7 PAYMENT

The Surveyors are entitled to refrain from delivering the Report to anyone until the fee and other charges for it notified to the Seller have been paid. Additional fees will be charged for subsequent inspections and Reports.

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

The Seller will be entitled to cancel the inspection by notifying the Surveyor's office at any time before the day of the inspection.

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the Surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. The Surveyor will also be entitled not to proceed if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that the property is exempt under Part 3 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as detailed in the (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008. If there is a potential threat to their health or personal safety, the inspection may be postponed or cancelled, at the Surveyor's discretion.

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

In the case of cancellation by the Seller, for whatever reason, after the inspection has taken place but before a written report is issued, the Surveyor will be entitled to raise an invoice equivalent to 80% of the agreed fee.

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

If there is any incompatibility between these Terms and Conditions and the Report, these Terms and Conditions take precedence.

#### 1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format.
- the "Market Value" is The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length

transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion

- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property.
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

#### **PART 2 – DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT**

#### 2.1 THE SERVICE

The Single Survey is a Report by an independent Surveyor, prepared in an objective way regarding the condition and value of the Property on the day of the inspection, and who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It includes an Energy Report as required by Statute and this is in the format of the accredited Energy Company. In addition, the Surveyor has agreed to supply a generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

2 Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (the Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct.

#### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

The Inspection is a general surface examination of those parts of the Property which are accessible: in other words, visible and readily available for examination from ground and floor levels, without risk of causing damage to the Property or injury to the Surveyor.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property at floor level and from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas, without the need to move any obstructions. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

The Inspection is carried out with the Seller's permission, without causing damage to the building or contents. Furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved.

Unless identified in the report the Surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

The Surveyor will not carry out an asbestos inspection, and will not be acting as an asbestos inspector in completing a Single Survey of properties that may fall within the Control of Asbestos in the Workplace Regulations. In the case of flats it will be assumed that there is a

duty holder, as defined in the Regulations and that a Register of Asbestos and effective Management Plan is in place, which does not require any expenditure, or pose a significant risk to health. No enquiry of the duty holder will be made.

#### 2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

Throughout the Report, the following repair categories will be used to give an overall opinion of the state of repair and condition of the property.

- 2.3.1 <u>Category 3</u>: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.
- 2.3.2 <u>Category 2</u>: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 2.3.3 <u>Category 1</u>: No immediate action or repair is needed.

**WARNING**: If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions when the effect can be considerable.

Parts of the property, which cannot be seen or accessed, will not be reported upon and this will be stated. If the Surveyor suspects that a defect may exist within an unexposed area and which could have a material effect upon the value, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

#### 2.4 SERVICES

Surveyors are not equipped or qualified to test the services and therefore no comment can be interpreted as implying that the design, installation and function of the services are in accordance/compliance with regulations, safety and efficiency expectations. However, comment is made where there is cause to suspect significant defects or shortcomings with the installations. No tests are made of any services or appliances.

#### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

A section is included to help identify the basic information interested parties need to know to decide whether to view a property.

#### 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

A section is included that makes provision for an Energy Report, relative to the property. The Surveyor will collect physical data from the property and provide such data in a format required by an accredited Energy Company. The Surveyor cannot of course accept liability for any advice given by the Energy Company.

#### 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

The last section of the Report contains matters considered relevant to the Conveyancer (Solicitor). It also contains the Surveyor's opinion both of the market value of the property and of the re-instatement cost, as defined below.

"Market Value" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;
- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the coproprietors on an equitable basis.

Any additional assumption, or any found not to apply, is reported.

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), declared by the World Health Organisation as a "Global Pandemic" on 11 March 2020, has impacted global financial markets. Travel restrictions have been implemented by many countries.

Market activity is being impacted in many sectors. As at the valuation date, I consider that I can attach less weight to previous market evidence for comparison purposes, to inform opinions of value. Indeed, the current response to COVID-19 means that we are faced with an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to base a judgement. My valuation(s) is / are therefore reported on the basis of 'material valuation uncertainty' as per VPS 3 and VPGA 10 of the RICS Red Book Global. Consequently, less certainty – and a higher degree of caution – should be attached to our valuation than would normally be the case. Given the unknown future impact that

COVID-19 might have on the real estate market, we recommend that you keep the valuation of the subject property under frequent review.

"Re-instatement cost" *is an estimate for insurance purposes of the current cost of rebuilding the Property in its present form* unless otherwise stated. This includes the cost of rebuilding the garage and permanent outbuildings, site clearance and professional fees, but excludes VAT (except on the fees).

Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a reinspection and revaluation after a period of 12 weeks (or sooner if appropriate) to reflect changing circumstances in the market and/or in the physical condition of the Property