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property questionnaire

The Property Questionnaire contains key information about this property provided by the seller. The Questionnaire includes information on a range of issues best known to the owner such as council tax banding, rights of way and any improvements/alterations to the property they have carried out.



single survey

The Single Survey is a detailed survey of this property conducted by a qualified surveyor. It will also provide an estimate of market value. The survey lists the main features of the property and gives an assessment of condition for each one.



energy report

The Energy Report gives a home's energy efficiency rating and its environmental impact in terms of carbon dioxide emissions. It recommends ways to improve the building's energy efficiency and gives contact details for further advice and information about how to make a home more energy efficient and save fuel costs.



property questionnaire

Property address	141 Main Street Ayr KA8 8BX
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Completion date of property questionnaire	20 February 2018
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Note for sellers

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.
- The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.
- If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the date of entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.

Note for buyers

• Before marketing the property, the solicitor or estate agent acting on behalf of the client(s) will have retained a signed copy of this completed questionnaire. This may be viewed by arrangement with the solicitor or estate agent.

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership	
	How long have you owned the property?	Don't Know
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in?	В
3.	Parking	
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)	
	Garage	
	Allocated parking space	
	Driveway	
	Shared parking	
	On street	
	Resident permit	
	Metered parking	
	Other (please specify):	
	Back of property	
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	No
5.	Listed buildings	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	No

6.	Alterations/additions/extensions	
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	Don't know
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please describe below the changes which you have made:	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	
	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.	
	If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?	Yes
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Don't know
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Don't know
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors when the work was completed):	(with approximate dates
	Don't Know	
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor	or estate agent.

7.	Central heating	
а.	Is there a central heating system in your property?	Yes
	(Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	
	<u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> , what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	
	Electric	
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	1996
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	No
9.	Issues that may have affected your property	
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?	Don't know
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
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10.	Services				
a.	Please tick v	which services are connecte	ed to your property an	d give details of t	the supplier:
		Services	Connected	Supplier	
		Gas or liquid petroleum gas	1	Scottish G	as
	1	Water mains or private water supply	1	Scottish W	′ater
		Electricity	✓	Scottis Pov	wer
		Mains drainage	✓	Scottish W	′ater
		Telephone	1	В.Т.	
		Cable TV or satellite		Don't Knov	w
		Broadband		Don't Knov	w
	tank? (ii) Do you h <u>If you have</u> you have a	ave appropriate consents f nave a maintenance contra <u>answered yes</u> , please give maintenance contract:	uct for your septic tank details of the compar	ŝ	
11.	Responsib	ilities for shared or con	nmon areas		
a.	used jointly, or garden c	are of any responsibility to such as the repair of a sho irea? <u>answered yes</u> , please give	ared drive, private roo		No
		sponsibility to contribute to		ince of the roof,	
b.		airwell or other common a	rease		
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b.	common sto <u>If you have</u>				

d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
e.	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)	No
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
12.	Charges associated with your property	1
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	No
	<u>If you have answered yes</u> , please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	No
	If you have answered yes, please answer the question below:	
	(i) Is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis f common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or m	
13.	Specialist works	
a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	No
	If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.	
		No
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	No

с. 14.	relating to th <u>If you have of</u> purchaser and checking. If <u>these docum</u> be obtained	nis w nd s you <u>nent</u> . Yo ay be are	vered yes, these guarantee hould be given to your sol do not have them yourself and your solicitor or esta u will also need to provide s shown in the original esti	es will be icitor as s <u>please v</u> te agent a descrij	needed b oon as po <u>vrite belov</u> will arrang	y the ossible for <u>v who has</u> ge for them			
a.	Are there an	ny gi	uarantees or warranties for	any of th	ne followir	ng:			
				Νο	Yes	Don't know	With title deed		
	(1	(i)	Electrical work			1			
	(1	(ii)	Roofing			~			
	(1	(iii)	Central heating			1			
	(1	(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)			<i>✓</i>			
	((v)	Damp course			 ✓ 			
	(*	(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)						
				1					
b.			vered 'yes' or 'with title dea ntee(s) relate(s):	<u>eds'</u> , plec	ise give d	etails of the	e work	or installa	tions to
с.	above?	-	utstanding claims under an vered yes, please give detc	-	guarantee	s listed		Don't knov	N
15.	Boundarie	s					I		
a.	in the last 10	0 ye	e aware, has any boundar ars? <u>vered yes</u> , please give detc		property	been move	ed	No	

16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past three years have you ever received a notice:	
а.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	No
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No
с.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to you including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the property.	

Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or persons

I/We confirm that the information is this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature(s):

Date:

Before this questionnaire is published into the Home Report a signed copy of this document will have been collected by the selling solicitor. To see a copy of the signed document please contact Black Hay.

survey report on:

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Customer Miss Maria Tortelli

Customer address		

Prepared by ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC

Date of inspection	23rd January 2018
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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 are transmitted 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 Property¹.

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Sellers 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.

To date, 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 the 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.

¹ Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct.

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 Report² will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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

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.

2.2 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.

- 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. <u>Category 2:</u> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 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" 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. 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 co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

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

"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.

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 moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

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. will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The subject property comprises a First Floor Flat within a two storey building.
Accommodation	First Floor Level - Entrance Vestibule, Hallway, Living Room, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Bathroom with W.C.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	61 sq m
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located in a mixed area developed with various types of properties. There are commercial premises at ground floor level within the building. The property is conveniently located in relation to a wide range of local facilities and amenities.
Age	118 years or thereby
Weather	Overcast and dry
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stack is of brick construction, partly rendered.
Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. 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.

The roof is pitched, timber framed, boarded with timber sarking and overlaid with slates.
Limited access was gained to the roof void through a hatch in the ceiling of the hallway.

Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Gutters and downpipes are of PVC construction.

Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
	The outer walls are of stone construction.

Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and 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.
	The windows are of UPVC framed double glazed replacement type.

External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Painted as required.

Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
1	N/A

Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.
	None apparent.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	There are derelict outbuildings at the rear which are of nil value.

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	The garden grounds at the rear are predominantly laid to grass. They are enclosed in brick or stone walls.

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	The ceilings are understood to be of lath and plaster.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	The inner surfaces of the walls are strapped and plastered, plastered on the hard or plasterboard lined.

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.
	Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.
	Floors are of suspended timber construction laid off timber joists.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	The kitchen is fitted with wood floor and wall units.
	The internal doors are of painted timber. There are glazed doors at the bathroom and the entrance vestibule.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	There is an older style electric fire at the fireplace in the living room. Other fireplace openings in the property have been sealed.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Decorated as required.
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built

Cellars	Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built access.
	N/A

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 connected.

Gas	Accessible parts of the system 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 connected.

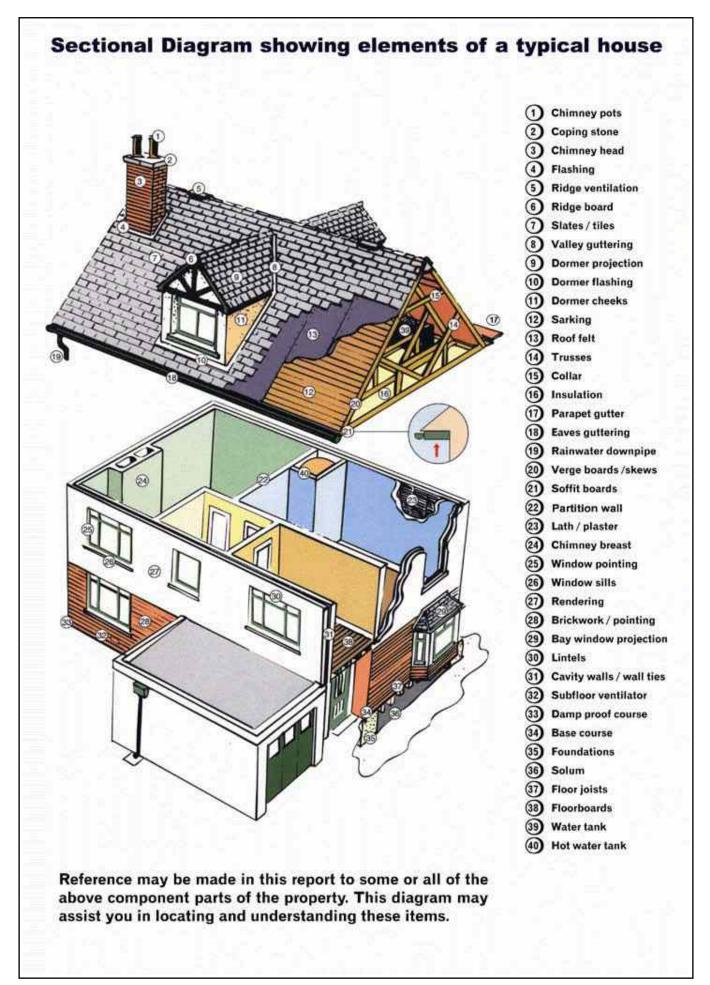
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains connected.
	The bathroom comprises a W.C., wash hand basin and bath.

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.
	Heating is by storage and electric panel heaters. The roof void houses the insulated copper cylinder.

Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains connected.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.	
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.	

Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes
	Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.
	If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.
	The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.
	At the time of the inspection, the property was unoccupied, although some stored items were noted. It was inspected externally and internally from ground/floor level.
	A limited inspection of the roof void could only be carried out due to limited clearance.



2. Condition

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

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	There is evidence of past movement seen in the form of cracking at the external walls. The movement appears longstanding and there is no obvious evidence of recent deterioration.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	Penetrating dampness was noted at the rear walls of the kitchen. This area should be investigated and repaired as required. See also Section "Roofing including roof space".

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Some missing render was noted at the gable chimney stack. Cement flashings are also old.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	Some loose, chipped and missing slates were noted which should be replaced. Some of the slatework has been replaced over the years. The roof framework incorporates skews (stone projections at roof level). Cement flashings were noted at the skews. Damp staining was noted at timbers in the loft below the skews. These areas
	should be repaired as required. A general overhaul of the roof covering is therefore required. There is no insulation within the roof void.

Gaps were noted at stonework close to the chimney flue which would have served the living room, although the chimney head above this location has been removed in the past.	n
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Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects were noted at rainwater goods.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	As stated previously under Section "Dampness, rot and infestation" penetrating dampness was noted at the rear wall of the kitchen. Weathered/eroded stonework was noted at external walls at this location. Cracked, loose and missing sections of cement render were noted at the exposed gable wall of the property. Gaps were also noted in the stonework at the gable wall. Re-pointing and re-facing works are required at external walls. This is likely to be a shared expense with the co-proprietor within the building and should be budgeted for.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Some defective window seals were noted which should be replaced.

External decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The external appearance of the property would benefit from some attention.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	-
Notes	N/A

Communal areas	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is a shared communal close. Older wiring was noted at the close lighting. Damaged and cracked plasterwork was also identified.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	-
Notes	There are derelict outbuildings which are of nil value.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Garden grounds are overgrown at the rear. They would benefit from some attention.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects were noted at internal ceilings.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	As stated previously, dampness was noted at the rear walls of the kitchen.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	2
Notes	Woodworm damage was noted at the flooring in the kitchen. Some damaged and uneven flooring was noted.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	The kitchen units are modern.
	It should be confirmed that the glazed internal doors are fitted with safety glass. If not, safety glass should be installed.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	2
Notes	A damp reading was recorded at the sealed fireplace in the front bedroom.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	The property would benefit from a scheme of internal redecoration.

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes	N/A

Electricity	
Repair category	3
Notes	The older style fusebox is located in the under window cupboard in the livingroom. There are no circuit breakers. Some older style wiring was also identified. The electrics require to be tested and upgraded/rewired to contemporary standards. This should be undertaken by a competent firm of electrical contractors, preferably NICEIC registered.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	No tests were carried out to any of the gas appliances.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings			
Repair category	2		
Notes	The bathroom consists of an older style suite. It would benefit from being upgraded/replaced.		

Heating and hot water				
Repair category	1			
Notes	No tests of the electric heaters were undertaken. The current test certificate should be exhibited. The copper cylinder with electric immersion heater is located in the loft.			

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	Drainage is by gravity feed to the Local Authority sewer. Drainage covers were not lifted nor were any tests undertaken on the system.

141 Main Street, Ayr, KA8 8BX 23rd January 2018 AD/4804 Set out below is a summary of the condition of the property which is provided for reference only. You should refer to the previous comments for detailed information.

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	2
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	2
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	2
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	2
Internal decorations	2
Cellars	-
Electricity	3
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	2
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

Category 3

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.

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

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:

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.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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 reinstatement cost for insurance purposes.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

It is assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a completing Solicitor by a local search/replies to usual enquiries or by any statutory notice or planning proposal.

It is assumed that the property is burdened with an equitable share of repairs and outgoings in relation to the common fabric of the building of which it forms a part. It is also assumed that there is a suitable right of access to shared areas. This should be confirmed by reference to title deeds.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£180,000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Pounds)

Valuation and market comments

Following a return in confidence to the market, properties are now generally selling well providing mortgage finance remains available and they are realistically priced.

We value the property vacant and in its present condition at the capital sum of £55,000 (Fifty Five Thousand Pounds).

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Date of report	20th February 2018	

Mortgage Valuation Report



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Mortgage Valuation Report

Construction							
Walls	Brick	X Stone	Concrete	Timber frame	Other	(specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Roof	Tile	X Slate	Asphalt	Felt	Other	(specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Special Risks							
Has the property	suffered strue	ctural moveme	ent?			X Yes	No
If Yes, is this rece	ent or progres	sive?				Yes	X No
Is there evidence, immediate vicinity		eason to antici	pate subsidence	, heave, landslip	or flood in the	Yes	X No
If Yes to any of th	e above, pro	vide details in	General Remark	S.			
Service Connec	ctions						
Based on visual in of the supply in G			ces appear to be	e non-mains, plea	se comment o	on the type a	nd location
Drainage	X Mains	Private	None	Water	X Mains	Private	None
Electricity	X Mains	Private	None	Gas	X Mains	Private	None
Central Heating	Yes	X Partial	None				
Brief description of	of Central He	ating:					
Heating is by sto	prage and ele	ectric panel he	aters.				
Site							
Apparent legal iss	sues to be ve	rified by the co	onveyancer. Ple	ase provide a brie	of description	in General R	emarks.
Rights of way	X Shared dr	ives / access	Garage or other	amenities on separate	e site 🗌 Shar	ed service conn	ections
Ill-defined boundar	ries	Agricul	tural land included w	th property	Othe	r (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Location							
Residential suburb	D Re	esidential within to	own / city X Mixe	ed residential / comme	ercial 🗌 Main	ly commercial	
Commuter village	Re	emote village	Sola	ated rural property	Othe	r (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Planning Issue	S						
Has the property been extended / converted / altered?							
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.							
Roads							
X Made up road	Unmade ro	ad Partly	completed new road	Pedestrian a	access only	Adopted	Unadopted

General Remarks

The property would benefit from a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and redecoration as the bathroom fitments are dated.

Dampness was noted at the walls of the kitchen near to the window area. This area should be investigated and repaired as required. Weathered stonework was noted externally at this location.

Some loose, chipped or missing roof slates were noted which should be replaced. Old cement flashings were noted at the skews (stone projections at roof level) and a general overhaul of the roof covering is required.

Missing render was noted at the chimney head and chimney head flashings are old.

Weathering/erosion was noted at the external stonework. Cracked, loose and missing sections of render were identified at the exposed gable wall. The walls require to be repointed/re-faced and re- rendered in places.

There is evidence of past movement seen in the form of cracking at the external walls. The movement appears longstanding and there is no obvious evidence of recent deterioration.

Some defective window seals were noted which should be replaced.

There are also a number of minor matters which should be capable of remedy by routine maintenance.

Essential Repairs

The property requires to be re-wired to contemporary standards. No retention would be made from any loan advance although the cost of repairs should be budgeted for and confirmed.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £

Retention recommended? Yes X No

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Mortgage Valuation Report

Comment on Mortgageability

Situated within an area where there is currently a reasonable demand for this style of accommodation property represents a suitable security for mortgage lending purposes.	on, the
Valuations	
Market value in present condition	£ 55,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£ N/A
Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£ 180,000
Is a reinspection necessary?	Yes X No
Buy To Let Cases	
What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis?	£
Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?	Yes No
Declaration	

Signed	Security Print Code [351594 = 6207] Electronically signed by:-
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Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

141 MAIN STREET, AYR, KA8 8BX

Dwelling type:	Top-floor flat
Date of assessment:	23 January 2018
Date of certificate:	24 January 2018
Total floor area:	61 m ²
Primary Energy Indicator:	920 kWh/m ² /year

Reference number: Type of assessment: Approved Organisation: Main heating and fuel:

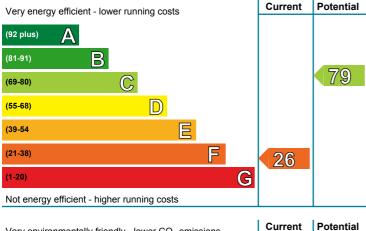
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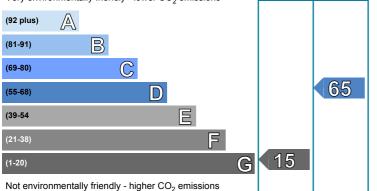
- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£5,361	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£3,957	report for more information

 * based upon the cost of energy for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation, calculated using standard assumptions



Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Energy Efficiency Rating

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is band F (26). The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is band D (61).

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.

Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band G (15)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is band D (59).

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.

Top actions you can take to save money and make your home more efficient

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years	Available with Green Deal
1 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£2001.00	\bigcirc
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1128.00	\bigcirc
3 Increase hot water cylinder insulation	£15 - £30	£216.00	\bigcirc

A full list of recommended improvement measures for your home, together with more information on potential cost and savings and advice to help you carry out improvements can be found in your recommendations report.



The Green Deal may allow you to make your home warmer and cheaper to run at no up-front capital cost. See your recommendations report for more details.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE **DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE**

141 MAIN STREET, AYR, KA8 8BX

Recommendations Report

24 January 2018 RRN: 2418-8429-8100-0707-0922

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

This table sets out the results of the survey which lists the current energy-related features of this home. Each element is assessed by the national calculation methodology; 1 star = very poor (least efficient), 2 stars = poor, 3 stars = average, 4 stars = good and 5 stars = very good (most efficient). The assessment does not take into consideration the condition of an element and how well it is working. 'Assumed' means that the insulation could not be inspected and an assumption has been made in the methodology, based on age and type of construction.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	*****	★★ ☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, no insulation	****	****
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Electric storage heaters	★★★☆☆	****
Main heating controls	Manual charge control	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, electric	—	—
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	****	★★☆☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	****	****

The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 156 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 9.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 6.7 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy costs for this home

Estimated energy costs for this nome				
	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings	
Heating	£4,101 over 3 years	£822 over 3 years		
Hot water	£1,107 over 3 years	£429 over 3 years	You could	
Lighting	£153 over 3 years	£153 over 3 years	save £3,957	
	Totals £5,361	£1,404	over 3 years	

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The potential savings in energy costs show the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below.

Recommendations for improvement

The measures below will improve the energy and environmental performance of this dwelling. The performance ratings after improvements listed below are cumulative; that is, they assume the improvements have been installed in the order that they appear in the table. Further information about the recommended measures and other simple actions to take today to save money is available from the Home Energy Scotland hotline which can be contacted on 0808 808 2282. Before carrying out work, make sure that the appropriate permissions are obtained, where necessary. This may include permission from a landlord (if you are a tenant) or the need to get a Building Warrant for certain types of work.

Recommended measures		Indiantive as at	Typical saving	Rating after improvement		Green
Re	commended measures	Indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment	Deal
1	Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£667	E 50	F 37	
2	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£376	D 66	D 58	
3	Increase hot water cylinder insulation	£15 - £30	£72	C 70	D 60	
4	High heat retention storage heaters and dual immersion cylinder	£1,200 - £1,800	£205	C 79	D 65	

Measures which have a green deal tick of are likely to be eligible for Green Deal finance plans based on indicative costs. Subsidy also may be available for some measures, such as solid wall insulation. Additional support may also be available for certain households in receipt of means tested benefits. Measures which have an orange tick of may need additional finance. To find out how you could use Green Deal finance to improve your property, visit www.greenerscotland.org or contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282.

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- Biomass boiler (Exempted Appliance if in Smoke Control Area)
- Air or ground source heat pump

Choosing the right improvement package

For free and impartial advice on choosing suitable measures for your property, contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 or go to www.greenerscotland.org.



About the recommended measures to improve your home's performance rating

This section offers additional information and advice on the recommended improvement measures for your home

1 Loft insulation

Loft insulation laid in the loft space or between roof rafters to a depth of at least 270 mm will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation should not be placed below any cold water storage tank, any such tank should also be insulated on its sides and top, and there should be boarding on battens over the insulation to provide safe access between the loft hatch and the cold water tank. The insulation can be installed by professional contractors but also by a capable DIY enthusiast. Loose granules may be used instead of insulation quilt; this form of loft insulation can be blown into place and can be useful where access is difficult. The loft space must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about loft insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide longlasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). It should be noted that a building warrant is required for the installation of external wall insulation. Planning permission may also be required and that building regulations apply to external insulation so it is best to check with your local authority on both issues.

3 Hot water cylinder insulation

Increasing the thickness of existing insulation around the hot water cylinder will help to maintain the water at the required temperature; this will reduce the amount of energy used and lower fuel bills. An additional cylinder jacket or other suitable insulation layer can be used. The insulation should be fitted over any thermostat clamped to the cylinder. Hot water pipes from the hot water cylinder should also be insulated, using pre-formed pipe insulation of up to 50 mm thickness, or to suit the space available, for as far as they can be accessed to reduce losses in summer. All these materials can be purchased from DIY stores and installed by a competent DIY enthusiast.

4 High heat retention storage heaters

Modern storage heaters have better insulation and are easier to control than the older type in this property. Ask for a quotation for new, high heat retention heaters with automatic charge and output controls. A dual-immersion cylinder, which can be installed at the same time, will provide cheaper hot water than the system currently installed. Installations should be in accordance with the current regulations covering electrical wiring. Ask the heating engineer to explain the options, which might also include switching to other forms of electric heating.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon (LZC) energy sources are sources of energy that release either very little or no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when they are used. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon.

LZC energy sources present: There are none provided for this home

Your home's heat demand

You could receive Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments and help reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat and, where appropriate, having your loft insulated and cavity walls filled. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments. For more information go to www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/rhi.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	15,365	(7,537)	N/A	(4,245)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,636			

Addendum

This dwelling has stone walls and so requires further investigation to establish whether these walls are of cavity construction and to determine which type of wall insulation is best suited.

About this document

This Recommendations Report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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Related party disclosure:	No related party

If you have any concerns regarding the content of this report or the service provided by your assessor you should in the first instance raise these matters with your assessor and with the Approved Organisation to which they belong. All Approved Organisations are required to publish their complaints and disciplinary procedures and details can be found online at the web address given above.

Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

Opportunity to benefit from a Green Deal on this property

Under a Green Deal, the cost of the improvements is repaid over time via a credit agreement. Repayments are made through a charge added to the electricity bill for the property.

To see which improvements are recommended for this property, please turn to page 3. You can choose which improvements you want to install and ask for a quote from an authorised Green Deal provider. They will organise installation by an authorised Green Deal installer. If you move home, the responsibility for paying the Green Deal charge under the credit agreement passes to the new electricity bill payer.

For householders in receipt of income-related benefits, additional help may be available.

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