

STATEMENT

Statement from Lisa Cattanach, Chair of The Scottish Building Contracts Committee

The construction industry finds itself in unprecedented times, a phrase which is regularly used at present.

People are understandably concerned about finances and the potential ramifications that delayed works will have on projects and their businesses and will turn to their contracts for guidance.

However, as the current pandemic gives rise to new contractual issues not previously experienced before, there are no clear distinct provisions in the contracts which fully address the issues the industry is facing.

As such, we need to work together now, and in the future, to ensure that businesses are able to survive and continue to provide the necessary services when the industry returns to normal.

Our sector is notorious for being contentious but this is not the time for such an approach. We have to be conscious of our individual actions throughout the supply chain to ensure that no-one feels pressured to continue working contrary to the government advice.

If we act ethically and fairly, and work together in these trying times, more businesses should be able to cope with the pressures and enable our industry to navigate its way through the current situation.

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