

## APPENDIX 1

### Guidance on Implementation of Changes to the Current Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme under S.I. No. 654 of 2022

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***Recoupment of Fees connected with the provision of the engineer's report, which report has been submitted to the relevant local authority in accordance with paragraph (2)(a) of Regulation 8 of S.I. No. 25 of 2020:***

Regulation 8 (11) of S.I. No. 25 of 2020 requires that a homeowner must have received a Stage 1 confirmation of eligibility before the cost of 90% of the engineer's fees for their I.S. 465 report can be recouped under the current Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme, provided that such payment does not exceed €6,300.

Regulation 3 of S.I. No. 654 of 2022, which came into effect on 13 December 2022, amends Regulation 8 (11) of S.I. No. 25 of 2022 by waiving the requirement for a Stage 1 confirmation of eligibility to be in place prior to recoupment of the cost of the engineer's report fees for homeowners, as per the requirements in the Regulations, whose applications were received by the local authority before the 13 December, 2022.

Please note that Regulation 8 (11) of S.I. No. 25 of 2020, as amended, continues to have effect in respect of applications received by the local authority on or after the 13 December, 2022.

Local authorities are requested to make immediate arrangements for the recoupment as soon as reasonably practicable of engineer's report fees to homeowners whose applications were received before the 13 December, 2022 and where homeowners have sought payment under Regulation 8 (3) of S.I. No. 25 of 2020 and where such fees have not yet been recouped. In this regard, local Authorities should take relevant steps to bring this enhancement to the current DCB grant scheme to the attention of all homeowners who have applied to the scheme, either through direct communication

with applicants or local action groups, or through publicity material, council website, social media etc.