

Bute House temporarily closed for repairs

The official residence of the First Minister of Scotland has been closed to allow for some essential repair work. The unscheduled work was discovered at Bute House this morning.



Urgent ceiling repairs and further inspection work are required to the A listed building in Charlotte Square which is owned by the National Trust for Scotland.

Meetings of the Scottish Cabinet will take place at St Andrew's House for the duration of the works. Temporary alternative arrangements are being put in place for the First Minister's accommodation and work requirements while she is in Edinburgh.

The repairs, which have been advised by the building's conservationists, are being coordinated by Historic Environment Scotland and are expected to be completed over the winter months.