

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on fire safety in tall buildings	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on an officer report about fire safety in tall buildings, considered at its meeting on 20 July 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee's comments as set out in this report and to ask the Executive Directors for Customer Services and Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 20 July 2017, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered a report on fire safety in tall buildings. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee welcomes officers' report on fire safety in tall buildings. The Committee recommends that there be an ongoing commitment to full openness and clarity regarding the fire safety work taking place in the borough.
- 3.3 The Committee requests that a publicly available list of all tall buildings in the borough be produced for ease of reference. This should contain a summary of fire safety activities, that can be cross checked against each building, with the action taken and assurances provided to date. This would include, for example, dates on key building control actions, whether private or council, fire safety inspections, LFB inspections, cladding checked or not etc.
- 3.4 Officers have agreed to provide additional information about the Council's responsibility for buildings for which it has provided building control services. The checklist for buildings (requested above) would need to include actions taken by officers to meet all building control requirements in those buildings. This information should also be provided to the fire service.
- 3.5 The Committee is concerned about the complex technical nature of some of the materials and machinery being used in new developments. The Committee therefore

recommends that officers be tasked with considering what expert advice the appropriate Council Committees need when making decisions in relation to new developments.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there are financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Sustainable Development Select Committee agenda 20 July 2017: [link](#)

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