

MAYOR AND CABINET			
Report title	Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Interim Report		
Contributors	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Item No.	
Class	Part 1	Date	14 February 2018

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, arising from discussions held on the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Interim Report at its meeting on 22 January 2018.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section three of this referral; receive the Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety Interim Report; and ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

3. Overview and Scrutiny Committee views

- 3.1 At the Committee's meeting on 22 January 2018, Councillors received an officer report on Building Regulations together with the interim report arising from Dame Judith Hackett's Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety (Appendix A). The Committee also heard from the Council's Head of Building Control.
- 3.2 The Committee noted that the work of the review to date has found that the current regulatory system for ensuring fire safety in high-rise and complex buildings is not fit for purpose and that one of the reasons for this is because the route for residents to escalate concerns is unclear and inadequate.
- 3.3 The Committee agreed to refer the interim report to Mayor and Cabinet (Appendix A) and ask that any changes necessary to ensure that Lewisham residents' concerns about fire safety are addressed in an adequate and clear way, are made to the Council's current building control systems.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

6. Further Implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

[Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety: Interim Report](#) – report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 22.01.18

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