

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

COUNCIL MEETING

17 JULY 2017

**Question by Councillor Hall
of the Deputy Mayor**

Question

Could a statement be provided on fire risks and safety within the Lewisham Council Civic Suite? It may be useful to include details of the other Health and Safety concerns within the Lewisham Council complex.

Reply

Fire safety in the Civic Suite, like other buildings in the Lewisham Council complex, is subject to an annual fire risk assessment and subsequent action plan.

All the complex buildings have a high standard of automatic fire detection providing an early warning of any fire and the fire evacuation is within accepted timeframes.

The buildings within the Lewisham Council complex, including the Civic Suite, are subject to random as well as statutory fire safety checks on a weekly basis.

Members received a report and reviewed the H&S arrangements for the Catford Complex (Civic Suite, old Town Hall, Theatre, Town Hall Chambers) at the last H&S Committee on the 26 of April 2017. The two actions arising from the draft minutes, which will be reported back on at the next meeting, were:

- A check that, consistent with the guidance issued to occupiers, that no unauthorised electrical equipment (e.g. kettles, toasters etc..) has been brought onto the premises; and
- A review of evacuation procedures and how these are communicated to all occupants of the old Town Hall complex to ensure these are up to date and operating as they should.

As noted at the meeting there are a number of maintenance jobs ongoing, as with any large building, and these works are prioritised with reference to Health & Safety considerations.

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Question by Councillor Walsh
of the Deputy Mayor

Question

What policy and lobbying work has been done ahead of the retendering process of the DLR that will come operationally into force in Summer 2021, in order to offer better services to Lewisham Residents, and specifically any work to advocate for the services being operated 24hrs?

Reply

The Council has been in direct contact with TfL's DLR team to lobby for continued improvement of DLR services, including the introduction of night services. The draft Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) includes reference to night-time services and we expect this to be introduced as part of the new franchise in 2021. We will be making further representation in support of this proposal in response to the consultation on the MTS.

We continue to lobby TfL to secure capacity enhancements on the DLR, including upgrading the PM peak service to match the AM peak service, and for full-length trains as part of the re-franchise in 2021, which should deliver an additional 25% capacity. In the longer term, we are also pushing for additional trains to increase the frequency of services between Lewisham and Stratford to match the Bank service of 15 trains per hour.