

<b>Mayor &amp; Cabinet</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Fire Safety in Lewisham	<b>Item No</b>	
<b>Contributors</b>	Director of Regeneration and Place		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date</b>	5 June 2019

**1. Purpose:**

- 1.1 This report sets out the response to the referral made by the Sustainable Development Select Committee arising from their review of an officer update report to the Select Committee on fire safety in Lewisham.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Mayor & Cabinet is asked to:

- approve the content of the report for submission to the Select Committee.

**3. Background:**

- 3.1 On Monday 4 March, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered an officer report on fire safety in tall buildings. The report followed the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower in June 2017 and an independent review of building regulations and fire safety by Dame Judith Hackitt.

- 3.2 Having considered the report, the Select Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of their views. Mayor and Cabinet subsequently received the referral from the Select Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> March and asked officers to respond. The Select Committee's referral and the Director of Regeneration and Place's response are set out below.

- 3.2.1 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:

*The Committee recommends that, following consideration of the relevant evidence and with particular regard to the position taken by the London Fire Brigade, the Council should lobby the Government in favour of the installation of sprinklers in new buildings (below the currently required height).*

Officers Response: Consultation on proposed changes to the legislation and guidance documents are anticipated in early June. Government has indicated that they would act on all 53 recommendation by Dame Judith Hackitt. Officers continue to communicate to the Government the importance of sprinklers. In particular, this is done through our regular communications with London Councils and the London Fire Brigade. LABC, the body representing Local Authority Building Control is fully engaged with the MHCLG officials in developing the future guidance. Our

service manager is in regular contact with LABC through monthly meetings.

Following the publication of consultation documents, we will highlight the need for sprinklers as part of consultation responses and calls for evidence directly to Government and other bodies who in turn, lobby Government for change.

**4. Financial Implications:**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response.

**5. Legal Implications:**

5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this response, save for noting that the Council's Constitution provides that the Executive may respond to reports and recommendations by the Select Committee.

**6. Crime and Disorder Implications:**

6.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this response.

**7. Equalities Implications:**

7.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this response.

**8. Environmental Implications:**

8.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this response.

**List of Background documents**

<b>Short Title Of Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on Fire Safety in Tall Buildings	March 2019	Tim Andrew
Update on fire safety in Lewisham	March 2019	Rachel Dunn

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