



Bristol Scrutiny 2017/18

Scoping of Scrutiny Topics

Title

Fire Safety in Council-owned High Rise Buildings

1.Reasons for Undertaking this Work

Main reasons for undertaking the piece of work (and any Background information if relevant)

It is generally agreed that the initial response by Cllr Smith, Alison Comley and officers to the Grenfell fire tragedy and its implications for Bristol – has been comprehensive, both in terms of trying to assess and establish the safety of council stock, but also in terms of reassuring tenants.

The investigation following the fire at Grenfell Tower is likely to lead to a number of recommendations being issues from the government to local authority and other social landlords

Although it has been established that the Council's high rise blocks are - to the best of our knowledge - safe, and that where there is cladding, this is of a different type to that used at Grenfell Tower, the forthcoming recommendations will nevertheless need to be addressed.

Given the level of national and local public concern about this topic, in the interests of transparency this work could be overseen by a cross party member group.

Key question that you are seeking to answer

To address the impact of any recommendations that are to be issued by the government after the Grenfell fire investigation, and to have oversight of the implementation of these.

Main objectives/main

As above

areas of investigation

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Draft Terms of
Reference and possible
outcomes

TBC depending on nature of government recommendations

2.Member Involvement

Members involved

(Initial Scope) Cllr Bolton

Key Executive Member

Cllr Paul Smith

Other Executive
Member Portfolios
covered, if any

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3.Officer Support

Lead Directorate
Officer(s)

TBC

Policy Advisor

Romayne de Fonseca

List of possible internal
and external
witnesses/contributors
and key information
required

Departmental officers
Tenants representatives
Technical officers
Building control officers

Time Frame

	This would take place after the government recommendations have been issued. The timescale for this is unclear at the present time.
	It is suggested that this work should be carried out by a task and finish group. Members may wish to decide whether some or all meetings should be held in public (resources permitting) due to the possible public and media interest in this issue.

Decision-making/path
for recommendations:

TBC

Costs

Specific costs identified

None at present

Date:

