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FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Robust approach

 - Fire Safety Policy
 - Fire Risk Assessments, evacuation plans
 - Fire Risk Check Lists/Inspections
 - Weekly Health & Safety checks/alarm testing
 - Robust Housing Stock Information (fire safety elements & measures available)
 - **Good tenant involvement structure**
 - Staff expertise and knowledge
 - Good core systems



MEASURES TAKEN POST GRENFELL

- Fire Safety Policy refreshed
- Established Fire Strategy Group
- # £1 Million fire provision within the HRA Budget
- Fire safety review of Winnall Flats with Hampshire Fire and Rescue
- Undertook a survey of communal flat entrance doors/alarm provision replacement programme of works underway.
- Froperty Surveyor new tenant visits to cover fire safety.
- New Homes properties commissioning independent fire safety advice, Clerk of works (monitoring), Building Control (compliance)
- ᠃ Consultation TACT, tenant digital surveys, focus groups
- Joined Housing Quality Network Health & Safety Network
- Re-joining IHS improving access to industry guidance
- Promoting Hampshire Fire and Rescue 'Safe & Sound' survey resident personal safety plans.
- Linking work of housing teams. '



FIRE STRATEGY PROJECT

Task and Finish Groups

Tenant/Leaseholder representation

- Resident information & complaints
- Fire risk assessment & evacuation plans
- **General Construction & Property Related Processes**
- Hearning from fires
- Alarm Provision & Management
- Mobility Scooter storage & Charging
- Inspection & Enforcement
- Insurance
- Permissions Policy
- Leaseholders & Shared Ownership
- **8 Rubbish Chutes**



PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Fire related policies, standards & processes held in one central area
- Risk Assessments accessible to residents published on the Website
- Mobility Scooter storage policy
- Frank and Leasehold fire safety responsibilities & messaging
- Ready to take forward recommendations from the Grenfell investigations & further government announcements from the Grenfell Inquiry
- Staff Competency & Training
- Service Processes & Information
- Adopted Fire Strategy regularly reviewed & monitored



RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT AND TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Dame Judith Hackitt's recommendations

- Strengthening the Residents Voice & Raising Concerns
- **Transparency**
- Approach to providing tenant & other residents fire safety information

Clear & timely service user information & messaging on:

- Frevention & emergency response messages for customers.
- ## the responsibilities of tenants, leaseholders & landlords
- How to raise concerns

'Fire safety is everyone's responsibility'



Questions