

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment)

Date: 19 July 2017

Subject: Grenfell Towers

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- 1 Following the recent tragedy at Grenfell Tower the Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) at the meeting on the 21 June 2017 sought assurance regarding building control and the need for full engagement with independent inspectors regarding the audit of high rise buildings both residential and non-domestic.
- 2 A report is due to be presented to the Executive Board on the 17 July regarding the Leeds response to Grenfell Towers which will be shared with the Scrutiny Board once available. This will assist the Scrutiny Board in the deciding if further Scrutiny focus is required with regard to planning and/or building control, which are areas aligned with this Scrutiny Board. It is expected that the Scrutiny Boards Strategy and Resources, and Environment Housing and Communities will also be providing similar focus for areas within their remit.
- 3 On the 30th of June 2017 The Department for Communities and Local Government provided an explanatory note on safety checks and testing. This has been appended for the information of the Scrutiny Board.

Recommendations

The Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) is recommended:

- a) to note and consider the information provided with regard to the Grenfell Tower tragedy and identify if further Scrutiny work is required.
- b) determine when this will be added to the work programme of the Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment).

Background documents

4 None used¹

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.