



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 4 December 2023
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| Report Summary | |
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| Report Title | Building Safety in the Home Policy |
| Purpose of Report | The purpose of the report is to share the draft Building Safety in the Home Policy which includes how tenants and leaseholders in Council owned homes can raise safety concerns and our responsibilities to keep homes warm safe and decent. |
| Recommendations | That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee endorse the Building Safety in the Home Policy for approval by Cabinet as recommended by the Local Influence Network Chairs. |

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this Policy is to provide tenants and leaseholders assurance of the steps the Council is taking to keep them safe in their homes. It also identifies the steps tenants and leaseholders can take to support us in this matter.
- 1.2 The Policy also outlines the additional measures we are taking above and beyond our statutory requirements for buildings over 11 meters and identifies which ones these are.
- 1.3 It outlines how tenants can get involved to scrutinise our service in general or attend our Local Influence Network for Building Safety.
- 1.4 The Policy supports the Council’s Community Plan to create more and better quality homes through our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 The Building Safety in the Home Policy is attached as an **Appendix** to this report for comment and onward recommendation to Cabinet for approval. If approved, the Policy will be added to the Council’s website and posted in each block on the notice board.
- 2.2 The Local Influence Network and Tenant Engagement Board have seen and approved the Policy.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

3.1 Financial Implications - FIN23-24/

This Policy has no direct financial implications outside of existing budgets for compliance and safety measures in Council owned homes.

3.2 Equalities

The Policy has no direct equalities implications although there is an expectation that approaches to engagement are varied and reflect the needs and requirements of tenants.

3.3 Tenant Involvement

Local Influence Networks (LINs) have been consulted in the creation of this Policy.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None