



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 10 March 2025
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Report Summary	
Report Title	Building Safety Policy
Purpose of Report	The purpose of the report is to share the draft Building Safety 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 Policy.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this policy is to set out how Newark & Sherwood District Council meets the requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022, the Fire Safety Act 2021 and other legislative and regulatory changes introduced and proposed following the Grenfell tragedy and how it discharges its duties to residents and other stakeholders to keep residents and buildings safe.
- 1.2 For tenants and residents, there is a separate policy “Safety in the Home” that sets out how the Council manage their health and building safety responsibilities.
- 1.3 It outlines how we effectively manage all risks identified and to ensure effective action plans are in place to mitigate those risks as soon as reasonably practicable for all residents living in these buildings, employees and contractors who will work in and around these buildings and members of the public.
- 1.4 It ensures effective arrangements are in place to engage with all residents through the Council’s Tenant Engagement Strategy with a specific focus around safety, ensuring individual needs across all age groups and diversities through multiple engagement methods are considered.
- 1.5 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 policy is attached as an Appendix to this report for consideration.

3.0 Implications

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

3.1 Financial Implications -

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.

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.