

Report to: Portfolio Holder for Housing

Decision Date: 8 April 2025

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Lee Brazier

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Report Summary	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open report Non key decision
<b>Report Title</b>	Building Safety Policy
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	The draft Building Safety Policy was presented to PPIC on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 and there was a delegated decision for this to be approved by the Portfolio Holder for Housing.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Portfolio Holder approves the Building Safety Policy at Appendix 1 to the report.
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	None
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	To ensure that Newark and 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 to keep residents and buildings safe.
<b>Decision Taken</b>	As per the recommendations.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this policy is to set out how Newark and 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, customer facing policy “Safety in the Home” that sets out how the Council manage health and safety and building safety responsibilities and what to expect.
- 1.3 The Building Safety Policy outlines how we effectively manage all building safety 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/Options Considered and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Building Safety policy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for approval.

## **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 - FIN25-26/9536**

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

### **3.2 Equalities Implications**

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.

None.

