

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSCPC/21/2
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	8 MARCH 2021
SUBJECT OF REPORT	GRENFELL RECOMMENDATIONS PROGRESS REPORT
LEAD OFFICER	DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report be noted.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This paper outlines progress with Service implementation of the recommendations from the Grenfell phase 1 inquiry and the additional Building Risk Review Grant funding.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	The Service will receive a total grant of £455,125.65
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	Not applicable to this report.
APPENDICES	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Previous meetings of the Community Safety and Corporate Planning Committee (the Committee) noted the reports (Minutes CSCPC/20/2 and CSCPC/20/14 refer) of the Service regarding progress against the recommendations of Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report and the use of additional grant funding.
- 1.2. The Committee agreed to receive reviews at future meetings and this paper provides the third progress report to provide assurance of the Service's actions in regards both the Phase 1 recommendations and the use of the Home Office grant funding to support implementation of these and general improvements in fire safety standards and outcomes.

2. GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY PHASE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Committee is reminded that following the publication of the Grenfell Tower Enquiry Phase 1 report, the Service reviewed the recommendations and completed a high-level gap analysis against the Service's current position, identifying areas for immediate improvement or in preparation for future legislative or national guidance changes.
- 2.2. These recommendations have been compiled into a formal assurance tracker scrutinised by a Risk and Response Governance Board (RRGB). This Board will review progress monthly and has a nominated lead officer (Group Manager for Risk) assigned to oversee the implementation across multiple service areas.
- 2.3. Overall there were 44 recommendations which can be divided into two main groups:
 - National NFCC/Legislative changes; and
 - Recommendations/ improvements for all Services and other agencies.
- 2.4. The Grenfell recommendations are specifically focused on high rise residential buildings. Within Devon & Somerset the Service has:
 - No high rise residential buildings over 18M with aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding. The three Devonport Towers in Plymouth have had all cladding removed and are fitted with sprinklers and full evacuation system, deeming them 'low risk' by the National Fire Protection Board
 - 172 buildings that apply to the high rise definition (these numbers include residential, student accommodation, hotels and others)
- 2.5. The Service's high rise definition for the purpose operational planning and response shall be defined as a building with 6 or more floors or a building of 18m or more in height (both include the level of fire service access.)

- 2.6. At the meeting of the Committee held on 11th December 2020, a request was made to present a RAG rating against the 44 Recommendations from the inquiry and as such this report provides that detail as follows:

EXTERNAL ACTIONS			
These actions require input/collaboration with external partners including the National Fire Chiefs Council, Networked Fire Services Partnership and changes to legislation.			
Total Actions	18	Completed Actions	0
Open Actions – On Track RAG status Green	4	Due Date for completion 31/12/2021	4
Open Actions – Slightly Off Track RAG status Amber	14	Due Date for completion 31/12/2021	14
Open Actions – Off Track RAG status Red	0		

INTERNAL ACTIONS			
These actions require specific work within DSFRS.			
Total Actions	26	Completed Actions	6
Open Actions – On Track RAG status Green	13	Due Date for completion 31/12/2021	9
		Due Date for completion 01/04/2023	4
Open Actions – Slightly Off Track RAG status Amber	7	Due Date for completion 31/12/2021	3
		Due Date for completion 01/04/2023	4
Open Actions – Off Track RAG status Red	0		

3. ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING

- 3.1. Overall grant funding to support the outcomes of Grenfell as well as general improvements in fire safety standards and outcomes totals £455,125.65. This is split into 3 grants as follows:
 - Building Risk Review Programme Grant (£60,000);
 - Protection Uplift Programme Grant (£256,909.34); and
 - Grenfell Infrastructure Fund (£138,216.31).
- 3.2. The Building Risk Review funding must be used to deliver the Building Risk Review (BRR) programme as detailed by the NFCC, with continued guidance and support of the Fire Protection Board to achieve a review of the fire safety arrangements in all in scope high-rise residential buildings over 18 metres by December 2021.
- 3.3. The Service has established a multi-disciplined team consisting of officers from Protection, Prevention, Risk and Communication & Engagement which recognises the skills, knowledge and experience within DSFRS to deliver the programme efficiently and on time and the desire to further develop team members specialised fire safety knowledge and competence to enhance future Protection Delivery activities.
- 3.4. There are 89 identified buildings within the Service area and these are scheduled to be visited by the team between October 2020 and September 2021.
- 3.5. As at the end of February 2021 thirty five buildings have been inspected by the Service in accordance with the proposed plan.
- 3.6. Spending against the Building Risk Review Grant amounts to £35,622 as at the end of February 2021.
- 3.7. The Protection Uplift funding must be used to bolster fire protection capability and delivery in line with locally agreed integrated risk management plans and risk-based inspection programmes. The aim of the grant is to build long-term capability within fire protection functions, so there is an expectation that funding would be used to cover areas such as:
 - Increasing protection resource;
 - Engaging front line crews more on low level protection;
 - Upskilling of operational staff;
 - Improving competency, accreditation, and qualifications;
 - Career pathways in protection.
 - Using an innovative approach to online training;
 - Making existing data systems work better including through the development of new data tools;

- Digital platform (protection, prevention and risk);
- Hardware (tablets, body cams).

- 3.8. Spending against the Protection Uplift funding amounts to £0 as at the end of February 2021. An action plan to provide increased numbers of Building Safety Officers and increased qualifications for existing team members has been approved by the Executive Board and a recruitment process is now underway.
- 3.9. The Grenfell Infrastructure Fund must be used to put in place a local Grenfell Inquiry recommendations function to help co-ordinate local activity and support the national work led by the NFCC; drive progress on local improvements and provide for smoke hoods and other technical investments.
- 3.10. Spending against the Grenfell Infrastructure funding amounts to £35,266 as at the end of February 2021 in order to provide smoke hoods and associated equipment.

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