

Name of meeting: Ad Hoc Scrutiny (Council Housing Health and Safety Compliance)

Date: 29th March 2022

Title of report: Lift Safety and Water Quality Policy Review

Purpose of report: The following report updates Ad Hoc Scrutiny (Council Housing Health and Safety Compliance) on the updates made to the Lift Safety Management policy and Water Quality Management policy

Recommendations for Ad-Hoc Scrutiny: Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note these policies.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?	No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Naz Parkar, Service Director Homes and Neighbourhoods
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Cathy Scott

Electoral wards affected: ALL

Ward councillors consulted: No

Public:

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Compliance Review conducted by Anthony Brown recommended the Council revise the policies associated with the 6 Compliance areas of:

- Asbestos Management
- Fire Safety
- Gas Safety
- Electrical
- Water Safety and Hygiene (Water Quality)
- LOLER (Lift Safety)

The attached policies cover the areas of Lift Safety (Appendix 1) and Water Quality (Appendix 2). They have taken account of the recommendations of the compliance review and also the feedback received from the Panel on the Fire and Asbestos policies and as such seek to ensure:

- Consistency with the Council's Policies
- Standardisation and consistency across each of the 6 safety polices related to building safety
- Overall governance oversight is clarified
- Communication with and the responsibility of tenants in enabling compliance with the policies
- The role and responsibilities of the legal department in supporting 'no access' cases is clarified

The attached policies will be reviewed by the Building Safety Assurance Board on 24th March 2022. A verbal update on the feedback from the BSAB will be provided in the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to discuss the report and review the attached draft policies and feedback views and comments.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS AND HISTORY OF DECISIONS

Not Applicable

SERVICE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE

Naz Parkar, Service Director Homes and Neighbourhoods