

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 8th April 2019 Item 4 - Update from Housing Services - progress on implementation of recommendations of Fire Risk Assessments	Item No 4
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Outline

This item has been scheduled for the Commission to receive a progress update on the Council's housing-related fire safety work, put in place following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

The last update was received in November 2018. At that point the Council was continuing to work through the more than 20,000 actions arising from 1823 Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs), according to their priority. All critical (highest priority) actions had been addressed. 37% of high priority, 32.5% of medium priority, and 19.2% of low priority actions had been completed.

The majority of actions outstanding – at least at the high and medium priority level – were in relation to the replacement of flat entrance doors.

The discussions in November explored the Fire Doors Programme which was underway. The Commission was advised that the initial focus would be on replacing just over 3,700 doors in blocks with higher numbers of storeys, before moving onto others. At that stage, Housing Services was in the specification and design stage of the programme. It expected to tender for the work in early 2019, and for the delivery phase to begin in early in 2019/20.

The November discussions also covered gas safety. The Council was to ensure that testing of appliances in Council leaseholder properties took place by – from April 2019 - requiring leaseholders to provide proof of their gas safety certificates, on an annual basis.

The discussion explored how the service planned to engage and support leaseholders in the early stages of this programme, eventually moving towards enforcement action to ensure compliance where this was necessary. The Commission was advised that leaseholders would have the option to buy into the Gas Safety service which the Council delivered for its tenant households.

The context above is intended to help focus discussions within this item. The full record of the discussion in November 2018 is available via the link below <http://mginternet.hackney.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=32851>

Guests Expected:

- Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cabinet Member for Housing Services
- Kim Wright, Group Director, Director of Housing Services

Action

The Commission is invited to hear opening comments from guests on the Council's work to further improve fire safety on its housing estates, before asking questions