
SPECIAL MOTION NO.7 – HOUSING SAFETY

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Harry Phibbs
- (ii) Councillor Belinda Donovan

1. This Council reaffirms the commitment to the safety of tenants, leaseholders, residents and their families in its housing stock which lies at the heart of its public service provision.
2. This Council notes:
 - a. The 'Limited Assurance' audit report issued in July 2016 in respect of the Council's Housing and Regeneration Department ("HRD") Health and Safety Checks.
 - b. The reports to Audit Pensions and Standards Committee of 13th September 2016, 7th December 2016, 13th March 2017 and 21st June 2017 relating to deficient and late implementation of health and safety checks and remedial works, which included gas safety, electrical installation, asbestos management, communal hot water tank chlorination and fire risk assessments.
3. This Council welcomes:
 - a. The action taken since the tragic events at Grenfell Tower to review fire risk assessments for the 15 council housing blocks of 12 storeys or more in the borough, including the Charecroft Estate and Edward Woods Estate.
 - b. The similar action taken to identify any hazardous materials including cladding to housing stock.
 - a. The fact that copies of fire risk assessments have been provided for all four tower blocks on the Charecroft Estate to Chris Took, the Chairman of the Tenants and Residents Association, who notes with dismay the deficiencies in those reports.
4. This Council resolves to:
 - a. Eliminate immediately the backlog of HRD health and safety checks and remedial works of all kinds identified by the reports to Audit Committee.
 - b. Install sprinkler systems in all blocks of Council flats.
 - c. Set for a date for the removal of the hazardous panels to the Charecroft Estate.

- d. Set a date for fitting sprinklers in the Charecroft Estate as requested by residents of that estate.
- e. Publish immediately copies of fire risk assessments and other health and safety reports for all Council owned housing blocks in the borough on the Council's website.