

IN CONFIDENCE

ODPM
BUILDING REGULATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE

Issue

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek your views on the proposal to issue on consultation the attached draft revision of the Procedural Guidance on Building Regulations and Fire Safety.
2. The revision of the Procedural Guidance is only to reflect the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. *You will be able to comment in detail on the draft of the revision in the consultation, which it is intended will start in mid-July.*
3. Before the draft revision is issued on consultation, and in order to obtain prior Ministerial approval for the consultation, the Minister will require to be assured that it has the support of her advisory committees. Accordingly, the draft has also been submitted to the Practitioners' Forum and the Business and Community Safety Forum.
4. You are invited to support the proposed consultation on the revision of the Procedural Guidance. Any detailed comments Members might have would be welcomed during the proposed consultation stage.
5. To enable consultation to begin in mid-July, you are asked to give your reply at this meeting on whether you support the revision being issued on consultation.

Background

6. The original Procedural Guidance of 1992 was revised in 2001 to reflect the provisions of the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations, and to take the opportunity to emphasise the importance of consultation between the building control body and the fire authority on a continuing basis from the earliest stage of the approvals process.
7. The 2001 edition of the Guidance has been revised to reflect the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, but no further substantive changes have been made to the text of the 2001 edition. The extent of the revision is indicated by the track changes on the draft.

BRAC Secretariat
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