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Subject: FW: Fire safety

Dear Maja

Further to your e-mail enquiring about our fire safety policy I would advise that KCTMO has a Fire Safety Policy and Strategy document which sets out our approach to Fire Safety and compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order within the housing stock. With regard to your enquiry specifically about our approach to high rise properties I can confirm that this document sets out the following –

- The criteria we have applied to identify whether blocks are considered to be potentially high, medium or low risk in relation to fire. (All blocks of 6 floors and above are considered to be potentially high risk)
- The frequency of and arrangements for reviewing the Fire Risk Assessments (FRAs) (All high blocks are comprehensively reviewed every 3 years)
- Arrangements for dealing with the Significant Findings and Action Plans which accompany the FRAs
- Arrangements for monitoring FRA programme and completion of recommended actions
- Management arrangements for fire safety in the blocks – inspection and planned maintenance regime, training of staff etc.
- Evacuation Strategy – "stay put" strategy in place for all high rise blocks
- Approach to communal area storage – managed use or zero tolerance
- Standards for flat entrance doors and approach to non-compliant doors – both tenant and leasehold
- Policy on mobility scooters
- The strategy is reviewed every three years, or more frequently where there is a change in legislation, or there has been a major incident requiring a review of the strategy, or if there have been significant changes in the management or governance of the organisation

I would advise that our H&S Committee are currently reviewing this policy and a number of changes are being considered such as changes to the frequency of FRAs, updating our approach to mobility scooters, clarifying our procedures around residents who are known to be hoarders. Once we have an updated draft policy we will seek approval from the Director of Housing at RBKC before this is finalised and publicised.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries

Regards

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Hi Janice

I think you'll be best placed to answer this for us as you had done so much work around it. Shall I tell Maja you'll answer directly or do you want to send a response back through me? Maja wants it next week.

Thanks

Celia

From: Angel, Ruth: HS-Housing
Sent: 22 August 2016 14:01
To: Maja Luna Jorgensen <MajaLuna.Jorgensen@london.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Fire safety

Maja,

I am referring your query to Amanda Johnson who I am afraid is on leave this week but hoping that Celia will be able to respond Ruth

From: Maja Luna Jorgensen [mailto:MajaLuna.Jorgensen@london.gov.uk]
Sent: 22 August 2016 13:50
To: Angel, Ruth: HS-Housing <Ruth.Angel@rbkc.gov.uk>
Subject: Fire safety

Dear Ruth,

Following the fire in Hammersmith over the weekend (see link below) we have been asked to understand London Boroughs' views on fire safety within tower blocks where they are in ownership of the stock.

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/aug/19/fire-crews-tackle-blaze-at-shepherds-bush-tower-block-london

Could you let me know what RBKC's fire safety policy is for tower blocks, how the council reviews this and when was it last updated?

Kind regards,

Maja

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