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CC: Cllr, Mills, Julie: RBKC [cllr.mills@rbkc.gov.uk]
Subject: RE: Tower Blocks

Cllr Blakeman,

The Royal Borough is at present in discussion with the TMO on commissioning consultants to undertake a review of the relevant fire risk assessments of the communal areas of the Council blocks as this is legally required by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. This process to date has been managed by the TMO, but it has been brought to our attention by the Fire Brigade that this will need to be more rigorous, therefore officers from the TMO and RBKC are in the process of setting up a working party to look at:

- * Complying with the proposed arrangements to set up a contract promptly with a competent fire safety company/consultant to carry out a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment in each of the TMO managed properties and set an agreed timescale to achieve this
- * Review, challenge and support the consultants recommendations as they are completed and sign off with the Fire Brigade
- * Review the considerable cost implications of both the reviews and any recommended works which flow from the inspections
- * Agree how they will be funded

I hope this answers your question in the short term and when we have more information as a result of the review work we will be able to brief Councillors more fully.

Regards
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Dear Mr. Black and Ms. Johnson

In the light of the tragic fire yesterday in Camberwell, I would be grateful if we can have risk assessment and report on the means of escape in the event of fire covering all the tower blocks in the TMO's ownership within the Borough.

At Grenfell Tower, for example, because of the Council offices and EMB offices on the lower floors, getting out of this building by the stairs is extremely difficult - and one can end up at a dead

end. I would like to invite you to accompany me up to the top floor to see how difficult it would be to get out of this block in the event of an emergency.

I look forward to an early response.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Judith Blakeman