



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

MEETING	Overview and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	17 March 2021
OFFICER	Area Commander Calum Bell – Head of Protection & Assurance
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Lesley Clarke
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 Report Update
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report (attached as Annex A) outlines the notable progress made to date by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service in response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy on 14 June 2017.</p> <p>It illustrates the work undertaken to address the improvement, learning and assurance opportunities identified by our Protection, Prevention and Response teams, both immediately after the fire, and in response to the formal recommendations made in the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report, published on 30 October 2019.</p> <p>The report also summarises the central support funding being made available to the Service and how this is being used to assist, develop and implement new technologies and improve our capacity and focus across the Service, to address the long term legacy of this important Inquiry.</p>
ACTION	Noting.
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the report be noted.
RISK MANAGEMENT	Risks to delivery of the Grenfell project are recorded, managed and monitored at a departmental level as per the Corporate Risk Management Procedure. Risks can be escalated from the project register to the Protection and Assurance Risk Register or Corporate Risk Register if required.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	<p>BFRS has received specific allocations of grant funding to address the Phase 1 recommendations and separate cost centres have been created to ensure robust monitoring of expenditure and accurate reporting back to the Home Office through the NFCC.</p> <p>Monitoring and reporting is undertaken by the Protection and Technical Group Commanders and is authorised by the Director of Finance and Assets.</p>

<p>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Any legal implications are considered as the respective strands of this project are implemented.</p>
<p>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</p>	<p>Opportunities to align and collaborate are considered routinely as part of this project, with regular engagement with colleagues in Royal Berkshire and Oxfordshire fire and rescue services.</p> <p>The call management (Control Room) recommendations in particular, are being addressed and coordinated collaboratively through regular joint meetings.</p>
<p>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p>	<p>The practical application of health and safety management policies and procedures ensures our health and safety compliance is demonstrated and evidenced as we implement the respective strands of this project.</p>
<p>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</p>	<p>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion matters are considered routinely as each respective improvement strand is implemented. For example, the introduction of new Escape Hoods across the Thames Valley included an equality impact assessment, which is reflected within our guidance and information for their use.</p>
<p>USE OF RESOURCES</p>	<p>Communication with stakeholders</p> <p>Regular stakeholder engagement is achieved, through a dedicated project coordinator role and active Grenfell project group.</p> <p>The system of internal control</p> <p>The project manager is responsible for daily oversight and reporting of progress to the Head of Protection and Assurance, via the Operational Assurance Group, Performance Monitoring Board, and Overview and Audit Committee.</p> <p>Monthly Grenfell project meetings are also scheduled to track and monitor progress.</p> <p>The medium-term financial strategy</p> <p>It is anticipated that the majority of improvements will be made through current existing budgetary provision and use of specific grant funding made available to BFRS for the purpose of responding to Grenfell.</p> <p>Project spends are monitored by the Finance Department through regular budget monitoring, and any additional funding requirements will be applied for through the normal growth bid process, if necessary.</p>
<p>PROVENANCE SECTION &</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>Homepage Grenfell Tower Inquiry</p>

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BACKGROUND PAPERS	Phase 1 report Grenfell Tower Inquiry
APPENDICES	Annex A - GTI Phase 1 Report Update
TIME REQUIRED	10 Minutes
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