



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Overview and Audit Committee, 16 March 2022

Report title: Grenfell Infrastructure Update (February 2022)

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Action: Noting

Recommendations: That the report is noted.

Executive summary:

This report outlines the progress that has and is currently being made by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) in response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy which took place on 14 June 2017. It highlights the extensive work being undertaken across the Service in response to the formal recommendations made by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 Report published on 30 October 2019.

The report reflects the transparent approach undertaken by each part of the Service to see the improvements that need to be made following the Phase 1 Report recommendations. This in turn meets the requirement, in a letter from Lord Greenhalgh on 30 September 2021, about informing the local communities of the Service's progress in this area. This report also summarises the central support funding being made available to BFRS and how this is being used to assist in the development and implementation of new technologies to address the formal recommendations made in the Grenfell Tower Phase 1 Report published on 30 October 2019.

Following BFRS HMICFRS inspection in 2021, the inspectorate team found that the Service has responded positively and proactively to the lessons learned from this tragedy. Highlighting that the Service is ahead of schedule to audit all high-rise premises clad with aluminium composite material (ACM) and improve its information about high-rise risk.

Financial implications:

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 National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC).

Monitoring and reporting is undertaken by the Protection and Technical Group Commanders and is authorised by the Director of Finance and Assets.

Risk management:

Risks to the delivery of the Grenfell project are recorded, managed and monitored at a departmental level as indicated in the Corporate Risk Management Procedure. Risks can be escalated from the project register to the Protection and Assurance Risk Register or Corporate Risk Register as required.

A dedicated station Commander has been given the responsibility of monitoring BFRS progress against the recommendations made in the Phase 1 report and this is regularly reviewed and updated and reported through the Protection and Assurance Risk Register.

Legal implications:

Any legal implications are considered as the respective strands of this project are implemented.

Privacy and security implications:

There are no identified privacy issues or security implications and the implementation of the recommendations and the information in the Phase 1 Report are in the public domain.

Duty to collaborate:

Throughout the progression of this project there have been opportunities to collaborate with the other Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Services as well as with local authorities. This continues to take place and specific examples have been highlighted in *Annex A Grenfell Infrastructure Update – February 2022*. This involves collaborative procedures and collaborative exercises.

Health and safety implications:

The imbedded practical application of the health and safety management policies and procedures ensure the Service's compliance is demonstrated and evidenced as it continues to implement the respective strands of the project.

Environmental implications:

The actions undertaken by the Service under the project heading of Grenfell are aiming to meet the recommendations as set out by the Home Office. Whilst considering this the project team is aware of the duty of the Service to consider the environmental impact of its activity. Environmental considerations form part of the

procurement process and are considered throughout the way in which the Service undertakes training and transport when managing exercises.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications:

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion matters are considered routinely as each respective action is undertaken to meet the recommendations. Equality impact assessments are considered and undertaken where there is any perceived impact.

Consultation and communication:

Regular stakeholder engagement is achieved across BFRS through the dedicated project coordinator and within the Grenfell project Group, involving a range of departments across the Service. This is highlighted through the Annex A report and the ongoing reports and progress are monitored and reported through the management processes and reporting line.

The paper is for noting and further updates will continue to come to O&A through the Head of Protection and Assurance via the Operational Assurance Group and the Performance Monitoring Board.

Background papers:

[Phase 1 report | Grenfell Tower Inquiry](#)

Appendix		Protective Marking
1	Annex A – Grenfell Infrastructure Update (February 2022)	None