



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Fire Authority, 9 October 2024

Report title: Grenfell Tower Inquiry – Phase One and Two Recommendations

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Action: Noting

Recommendations: That the report be noted.

Executive summary:

On 6 December 2023, Fire Authority Members were provided information on the Services' progress against the Grenfell Tower Inquiry (GTI) phase one recommendations as part of a wider report on Operational Learning and Assurance. With the recent publication of the GTI phase two report and its recommendations (04 September 2024), it is appropriate for Officers to provide a further update by way of assurance in relation to operational improvements made since the tragedy, but also to provide a high-level understanding of the implications of the phase two report and its recommendations.

Whilst Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (BFRS) have responded effectively to GTI recommendations and also our protection regulatory role, it must be stressed that the landscape still remains challenging in respect of the built environment and more specifically high-risk residential buildings (HRRB's). The attached report provides some insight, but as a Service we continue to focus on operational preparedness and competence as well as continuing to work with our regulatory partners to reduce risk across the HRRB building stock in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Financial implications:

Grenfell has impacted the fire sector significantly, both in respect of delivering improvements across operational response, but perhaps more significantly in realigning resource to manage our regulatory requirements across a complex built environment.

Since the tragedy, the Service has received three funding streams as detailed in the attached report.

Risk management:

Risks associated with Grenfell improvement work are captured and monitored through the Service Corporate Risk Management Procedure.

Legal implications:

Since Grenfell, the legislative picture has become more complex with the introduction of the Building Safety Act (2022) and amendments to the Regulatory Reform Order (2005). Any legal implications have been / will be considered as the respective strands of the inquiry recommendations are addressed.

Privacy and security implications:

There are no identified privacy issues or security implications.

Duty to collaborate:

BFRS worked very closely with Thames Valley FRS partners in addressing the phase one recommendations. It is likely that the same approach will be adopted for phase two for operational requirements. From a protection perspective, it is clear that we will need to continue to work co-operatively with other regulatory partners, specifically in relation to high rise residential buildings, but also a larger stock of medium rise residential buildings.

Health and safety implications:

None identified.

Environmental implications:

None identified.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications:

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion matters are considered routinely as part of Operational Learning and Assurance processes. Equality impact assessments are undertaken in line with the Services' procedure.

Consultation and communication:

Strategic Management Board

Background papers:

Operational Learning and Assurance Progress against Grenfell Tower and Manchester Arena Inquiry Recommendations (December 2023)

[Grenfell Infrastructure Update \(September 2022\)](#)

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

[Phase 2 report | Grenfell Tower Inquiry](#)

Appendix	Protective Marking	
1	Report: Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase One and Two Recommendations (September 2024)	None
2	GTI Phase Two Report – NFCC Summary (September 2024)	None
3	GTI phase one NFCC tracker (September 2024)	None