



Communities Select Committee
Thursday 7 September

Update on the Implications of the Grenfell Tower Disaster

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services and Review

Introduction

1. The Grenfell Tower fire occurred on 14 June 2017 at the 24-storey Grenfell Tower block of public housing flats in North Kensington. The fire caused at least 80 deaths and over 70 injuries. A definitive death toll is not expected until at least 2018.
2. Police and fire services believe the fire started accidentally in a fridge-freezer on the fourth floor and the rapid growth of the fire is thought to have been accelerated by the building's exterior cladding, which was of a common type and in widespread use.

Committee Update

3. The Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee directed the Communities Select Committee to receive, from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, an update outlining Surrey's emergency planning procedures, the safety standards to be checked on buildings within the county, and any risks Surrey faces with its buildings.

Presentation

4. The committee will receive a presentation at the committee meeting on Thursday 7 September. Presentation slides and information will be shared with the committee and published as soon as possible.

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Sources

[Metropolitan Police press release, 12 July 2017](#)
BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-40434741>

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