

FSMC agrees to bring together Lead FSMC Members & Lead NFCC Officers to agree a set of proposals on the lines of what is set out below:

1. Government should agree to have Sprinkler Systems fitted in All High Rise Flats in the Country.
2. Any Cladding fitted to High Rise Flats should be of high quality Fire Resistant Material approved by the Fire Service to a Uniformed National Standard.
3. The Fire Service should have overall responsibility for Fire Safety for High Rise Flats, which includes the Flats, corridors, public spaces, fire alarms, safety advice to tenants, and the Fire Service should provide Fire Safety Assurance for Residential High Rise Flats. All High Rise Blocks should be inspected by the Fire Service once every 2 years, and inspected after a major refurbishment.
4. New High Rise Flats should be regulated to ensure they are built to include all of the above, and in addition they should be built with two Stair Wells within the building.
5. Government urgently review the fire regulation order and fully fund the Fire Service to re enable planning and building control applications to be reviewed by Fire Safety issues on a risk assessed basis.
6. Government will need to recognition that extra Government financial resources will need to be made available to Fire & Rescue Services to enable them provide for the necessary workload that this will require.