

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>		
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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>UPDATE ON GRENFELL RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>		

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with an update regarding the recommendations contained with the Grenfell Tower Inquiry (GTI) phase 1 report.
2. To provide an overview of the work commenced in addressing the recommendations contained within the GTI phase 2 report.

### **Recommendation**

3. It is recommended that Members:
  - a) note the summary points contained in this report; and
  - b) note the substance of the associated presentation to this report.

### **Introduction and Background**

4. The GTI phase 1 report was published in October 2019 and contained **46 recommendations** spanning across a number of different areas, namely:
  - Knowledge & Understanding of High Rise Buildings
  - Information gathering under the Fire Safety Act 7.2d
  - Plans
  - Lifts
  - Communications, Fire Control & Incident Command
  - Emergency Calls
  - Command & Control
  - Equipment
  - Evacuation
  - Internal Signage
  - Fire Doors

- Cooperative Emergency Services
5. September 2024 saw the release of the phase 2 report with a further **58 recommendations** contained within it.
  6. To convey the current progress on such matters, this report is supplemented by a presentation that will be delivered at the Scrutiny Committee outlining our extensive progress against phase 1 and the priority actions for phase 2.

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### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

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7. The completion of the GTI phase 1 recommendations were specific key deliverables forming part of the Protection Directorate Functional Delivery Plan (FDP) for 2024/25. The remaining outstanding actions have been included as key deliverables in the Protection FDP for 2025/26, in addition to those contained in the phase 2 report. Consequently, all workstreams have been considered from an equality and diversity perspective in the associated Equality Impact Assessment (EIA).

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### **Staff Implications**

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8. The nature of the full impact of the GTI phase 2 recommendations will likely give cause for a dedicated team to be identified from within the Protection function to work closely alongside partner agencies and stakeholders. These personnel will be identified as necessary based on the actions identified from the report and the relevant competencies required.

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### **Legal Implications**

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9. The discharge of actions and recommendations associated with the GTI reports will be undertaken under the regulatory powers afforded to MFRS Protection staff within (but not limited to):
  - The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
  - Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022
  - Building Safety Act 2022

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### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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10. There are no anticipated additional costs arising from the requirement to address the GTI recommendations. These are very much embedded into our business as usual, with mid and high rise premises already being included for audit purposes within our Risk Based Inspection Programme (RBIP).
11. MFRS are also in receipt of additional grant funding to support Protection related activities (contained within the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) and Protection Uplift Grants) which supplement our core funding for Protection activities and personnel.

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## **Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

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12. Workstreams arising from the GTI reports have been assessed via the embedded risk assessment tools incorporated within the action tracker document, enabling us to prioritise workstreams appropriately.

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## **Environmental Implications**

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13. None identified within this report.

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**Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.***

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14. Our previous approach to the GTI phase 1 recommendations was considered an exemplar approach with other FRS seeking to adopt our methodology. At present, we are one of the most advanced services nationally in regards to progress against the 46 GTI phase 1 recommendations, meaning we have taken proactive steps in working towards ensuring the premises our communities live in, work or visit are safe. Furthermore, we have undertaken extensive work to ensure the personnel charged with Protection, Prevention and Response related activities are trained and effective in their associated areas.
15. We have engaged early with partners across the Liverpool City Region in relation to the forthcoming local remediation acceleration plan (LRAP) workstream and have been identified as a lead partner in driving this workstream forward given its links to the GTI recommendations and the recent Government directives for the Deputy Prime Minister.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**NONE**

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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<b>BSR</b>	<b>Building Safety Regulator</b>
<b>EIA</b>	<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
<b>FDP</b>	<b>Functional Delivery Plan</b>
<b>GTI</b>	<b>Grenfell Tower Inquiry</b>
<b>LRAP</b>	<b>Local Remediation Acceleration Plan</b>
<b>MFRA</b>	<b>Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
<b>MFRS</b>	<b>Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>RBIP</b>	<b>Risk Based Inspection Programme</b>

