

LATE MOTION

ITEM 5.2.6: MEMBERS' MOTIONS - SAFETY ON LEDBURY ESTATE

Moved: Councillor Richard Livingstone

Seconded: Councillor Michael Situ

1. Council assembly notes the significant concerns of residents of the four Ledbury tower blocks – Bromyard House, Peterchurch House, Sarnesfield House and Skenfrith House – regarding fire safety.
2. Council assembly views the tragic events at Grenfell Tower as requiring every council to put significant focus on improving fire safety, and recognises that our residents have a right to feel safe in their own homes.
3. Council assembly acknowledges the steps taken by the council to date to address the fire safety concerns at the four Ledbury Tower blocks over the last two weeks, but believes that the council needs to do more to ensure that its residents are safe, improve communication with them and address their concerns.

Council assembly therefore calls upon the cabinet to ensure that:

4. Any tenant of the four Ledbury Tower blocks that requests a transfer to a new home is treated as a band 1 priority.
5. The council urgently requests that Arnold Tarling shares his report on safety issues regarding the towers with the council so that all the issues that it raises can be fully addressed.
6. The council continue to carry out the type 4 fire risk assessments to the four Ledbury tower blocks and ensures all other necessary safety checks are carried out urgently. The council should share any reports arising from these reports with residents as quickly as is possible.
7. Any council officer or contractor involved in work on the towers treats every resident with the same respect and concern as if they were a valued member of their own family.
8. Whilst fire wardens are in place in the blocks, council officers ensure that they are fully trained and equipped to perform their role as fire marshals.
9. The council installs a comprehensive fire alarm system in all communal areas in the four blocks to ensure that there is full fire safety coverage in these areas once the fire wardens leave.
10. A compensation package for tenants and residents is developed that recognises the disruption and distress to their lives caused through the fire safety concerns to their homes.
11. The council does all that it can to share all that it knows with residents, recognising that different residents have different communication needs. Where

information is not yet known, the council must be clear about what steps it is taking to find this out and give an indication of how long this will take.

12. The entryphone system is fully reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so, with new fobs being issued to every resident.
13. Leaseholders of the four blocks are not charged for any safety work arising from the safety issues there.