

Questions Submitted by the Tenants Council and the Southwark Group of Tenants Organisation to Southwark Councillors and Officers.

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Fire Safety

1. Has Raynobond, or any similar polyethylene insulation material, been used anywhere in Southwark's housing stock?
2. Has any aluminium or aluminium composite material been used as cladding, or used as part of the outer skin of homes, anywhere in Southwark's housing stock?
3. Can you clarify how the crucial compartmentalisation is maintained during works to communal heating and hot water systems when pipework that interconnects properties is removed or replaced?
4. Are you carrying out physical checks to ensure that materials used for cladding/exterior skin of buildings are exactly as specified?
5. Do your checks extend to both high and low rise blocks?
6. The use of flammable/combustible materials is clearly not just an issue for the Council's stock, how are checks being carried out on stock not owned by the Council to ensure the safety of those residents?
7. How many tower blocks are there in Southwark Councils management and/or Ownership?
8. Are there any tower or lateral blocks in Southwark that are fitted with a fire alarm and/or a sprinkler system?
9. How often are fire safety checks carried out and by whom? Are those persons who carry out the inspection professionally qualified?
10. Are fire alarm and evacuation exercises carried out in Southwark's tower blocks and if so how are residents notified?
11. What information is provided to tenants on what to do in the event of a fire or other emergency?
12. Lakanal House has now been refurbished and residents are moving in, are all materials used, especially the cladding, compliant with appropriate fire safety regulation?
13. The press are widely reporting that not all of the recommendations by the coroner in respect of Lakanal House have been implemented. Can we be informed which those recommendations that have not been implemented are and why they haven't been?
14. Does Southwark have a set down evacuation and emergency care policy and if so where is it published?
15. If fire safety inspections are carried out in tower blocks can the relevant tenants' representative organisation be provided with copies of those reports?