

Cabinet Briefing Note - 9 August 2010

Report of Gill Davies - Strategic Director of Environment and Housing

Maydew House - Update on programme of strategic safety work

1. At the Cabinet meeting held on 20th July 2010, the Cabinet were informed that the council is currently undertaking work to comply with the requirements of the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) on Maydew House.
2. Works to comply with the FRA started on site in early April and works were completed on time on 27th July 2010.
3. Other FRA items are being resolved through housing management actions and low level repairs, in addition to the programme of improvement works within the block.
4. The London Fire Brigade (LFB) and council officers conducted a joint inspection of the completed work on 27 July 2010 and although a formal letter is expected, the inspecting officer has informally confirmed the LFB's satisfaction with the work.
5. If the letter of confirmation is received before the Cabinet meeting, it will be made available to the Cabinet for information.
6. Three items from the FRA remain to be resolved. Two relate to the communal mechanical ventilation system, and involve the cleaning of ductwork and the prevention of smoke and fire travel within the ductwork and between dwellings.
7. The LFB are keen to see what further work is recommended and Council officers are currently working with specialists Exova Warringtonfire to arrive at workable borough wide solutions to this specific issue.
8. The other issue relates to emergency lighting to the stairwell, and the LFB understand that we are planning to install this separately and are satisfied with these proposals.

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