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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board is asked to note the attached Gap Analysis of the Report Recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry (**APPENDIX**). The update is due to be received at the P&R Board on 28 February.

### **BACKGROUND**

Following the Grenfell fire on 14 June 2017, ECFRS took immediate action including (*Paper 18-295, SLT agenda item 6a: 16/10/2018*):-

- Critical incident Team (CIT) stood up to prioritise and oversee an immediate response
- NFCC sit-reps and guidance were received and actioned which resulted in an immediate assessment of risk in Essex high rise buildings
- Immediate implementation of a targeted inspection programme for high rise residential buildings, including identification of cladding and substandard fire doors. Where issues were identified – arrangements for the building were reviewed, control measures were agreed with the duty-holder and information shared with operational crews
- Review and risk assessment of 'stay-put' policy in line with NFCC guidance
- An immediate and extensive campaign; including face to face engagement aimed at reassuring high rise residents in Essex

### Grenfell Inquiry Phase 1

The Grenfell Inquiry Phase 1 recommendations were released on 31 October 2019. The proposed Service approach to the recommendations was approved by SLT on 12 November 2019 (*Paper 19-266, SLT agenda item 5c*).

## NFCC – Grenfell Tower Inquiry

On 16 December 2019 a briefing pack was received from the NFCC Chair, Roy Wilsher detailing the NFCC response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry recommendations. The NFCC Central Programme Office co-ordinated the fire national response to the recommendations made by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, and sought response to their survey. The ECFRS responded by the deadline of 10 January.

## Gap Analysis – Phase Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report Recommendations

The attached Gap Analysis is a working document currently being reviewed by Officers detailing the ECFRS interpretation to the recommendations as well as aligning the actions to the national guidelines to ensure that the recommendations of the Inquiry report are being met.

### **BENEFITS AND RISK IMPLICATION**

*SRR150010: 'There is a risk that the Service fails to, or is unable to, implement appropriately the learning from local/national incidents, audit reports, case studies, changes/interpretation to law/regulations in an effective and timely way.'*

Other strategic risks which are relevant are SRR150014, SRR150015, SRR150020, and SRR150017.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Anticipated financial impact post Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2, due to increased resourcing, training and technical fire safety activity. It is yet unclear, however, the Local Government Association (LGA) and National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) anticipate new burdens around this area of Fire and Rescue Service delivery, although it is as yet unclear if this will affect FRS funding, post Grenfell Inquiry.

### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

None directly associated with this paper.

### **WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT**

Ongoing workforce communications and engagement are taking place with our workforce around the Grenfell Inquiry.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Changes to Fire safety legislation are anticipated following Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 which is likely to drive changes inspection regimes and statutory responsibilities in high rise residential buildings. This will drive changes to ECFRS Protection Strategy (currently in draft) which will be reviewed to take this into account at the appropriate time. The draft strategy was tabled at SLT on 12 November 2019 (Item 5g).

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 identifies our obligation to continually assess risks. The proposed piece of work seeks to identify any gaps in the approach to the management of operational risk in relation to high rise residential fire procedures and ultimately to contribute to the Health and safety of Responders and residents of High rise residential buildings.