

15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Dear Resident,

Following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in Kensington on Tuesday night, I am writing to you as a resident of one of Lambeth's residential tower blocks, to give an update of the current situation and to reassure you that the safety of our residents, staff and visitors in Lambeth is given the highest priority.

Firstly, I want to confirm to you that all Lambeth Housing structures have an up-to-date fire risk assessment. There are a range of actions required as a result of the assessments which are being followed up – and blocks are being prioritised.

I chair a fortnightly Health & Safety meeting which monitors the action plan and reviews fire risk and I also met with the Health & Safety team following the Grenfell fire, to discuss further actions including reviewing blocks, which have similar designs to Grenfell. I will also be meeting the London Fire Brigade to discuss evacuation procedures and ensure notices in blocks are renewed or updated where required.

As more is known about the cause of the fire in Kensington, lessons will be learnt and good practice will follow, which will be reviewed alongside Lambeth procedures. In the meantime please help to keep you and your neighbours safe by:

- Making sure you have a working smoke alarm in your home
- Keeping balconies free from clutter
- Not leaving rubbish or bikes in communal areas or obstruct escape routes
- Making sure you know where your nearest fire exit is, and
- If you are a smoker please do not smoke in common areas of the block and always fully extinguish cigarettes smoked in your home and dispose of them carefully and safely

If you have any questions or concerns about fire safety within your block or home please do not hesitate to contact your local housing office or the HM Fire Safety Department at Lambeth (Email : [HMfiresafety@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:HMfiresafety@lambeth.gov.uk)) alternatively you may wish to contact the London Fire Brigade on 0800 028 44 28 who are able to undertake Home Fire Safety Visits. We have included a leaflet on home fire safety produced by the fire brigade.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Lib Peck, has issued a statement following the Grenfell fire, which can be seen online at [love.lambeth.gov.uk/grenfell-tower-fire](http://love.lambeth.gov.uk/grenfell-tower-fire).

Yours faithfully



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