



Susan Hall AM

Chairman of the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

(Sent by email)

7 February 2022

Dear Sadiq,

At its meeting on 3 February 2022, the Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee, considered the London Fire Commissioner's National Framework Documents.

In accordance with Section 327I of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Committee is required to review and make a report or recommendation to the Mayor on any draft document or revision prepared by the London Fire Commissioner under section 327G of the Act. This review must occur prior to the Mayor approving the draft document or revision for publication.

The Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee formally received and noted the Statement of Assurance 2020/21 and agreed that this form the recommendation to you, in accordance with the requirement set out at Section 327I of the Act. The Committee also made comment as follows:

- *The Committee acknowledges that the document contains all the relevant information but seeks ongoing assurance that the organisation is delivering on the recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.*

The Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee formally received and noted the Efficiency Plan, Reserves Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 and agreed that this form the recommendation to you, in accordance with the requirement set out at Section 327I of the Act. The Committee also made comment as follows:

- *The Committee is concerned that the London Fire Brigade (LFB) is using reserves to cover financial shortfalls and that there is too much reliance on reserves. This should not be a long term budgetary strategy. The LFB should develop more concrete savings proposals and stop relying on reserves.*

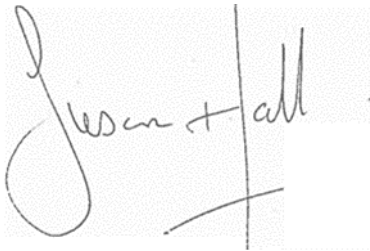
Furthermore, the Committee has asked that LFB sets out how it responded to the comments the Committee made on the documents last year and how these have been reflected in these new documents.

Finally, the Committee noted the request for the London Safety Plan to be extended by one year to the end of March 2023 and made the following comment:

- *The Committee acknowledges that the London Safety Plan needs to be extended in view of the delayed Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP). However, the Committee would like to express its concern about the delay and request that the current targets in the London Safety Plan be updated. The Committee urges the LFB to progress with delivery of the CRMP with a view to introducing it within a year.*

Please contact Diane Richards, Committee Officer, at diane.richards@london.gov.uk if you have any questions about these matters.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Hall', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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