



COMMITTEE TITLE: Housing, Health & Community

DATE: 19th June 2023

REPORT TITLE:	Quarterly Housing Compliance
REPORT OF:	Julian Higson Director of Housing (interim)

REPORT SUMMARY

This report sets out the progress made in the last quarter (January – March 2023) in Housing within the areas of compliance; gas safety, electrical safety, asbestos management, water hygiene, fire safety and lift maintenance. It also includes information on the emergency alarm equipment in our sheltered schemes, emergency lighting and building safety regulations.

SUPPORT ING INFORMATION

1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council has a duty as a responsible landlord to ensure the social housing assets it is responsible for are maintained in accordance with building safety regulations and other applicable legislation, our tenants and leaseholder feel safe in their home and immediate environment.

This report sets out in detail, progress made in all areas of compliance in the period 1 January – 31 March 2023.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Council as a landlord has a duty to comply with building safety regulations and all other relevant legislation to ensure it effectively manages the homes and communal areas of the blocks it is responsible for.

The first compliance report was presented to the Housing Committee on 27th February 2023 (minute no.350 – Key Performance Indicators) which include the requirements of each area of compliance and the legislation it relates to.

This report provides an update on the progress made by the Housing team in all areas of compliance in quarter 4 (January – March 2023).

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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Delivery of these services are all being met within existing resources.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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Monitoring performance assists the Council in contract management and monitoring its statutory compliance.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

The resources are met from within existing budgets and staff structures.

6.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Policies for all areas of compliance are in place.

Regular monthly meetings are held to monitor delivering of all areas of compliance with the partnering contractor.

Regular meetings are in place to monitor spend against agreed budgets

The four high rise blocks that qualify under the Building Safety Regulations have been registered with the Building Safety Regulator.

7.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Tenant Talkback are consulted on any policies due for renewal as part of the Council's resident engagement strategy.

8.0 EQUALITY & HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

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The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- a. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful.
- b. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- c. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not, including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that ‘marriage and civil partnership’ is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).

The proposals in this report will not have a disproportionate adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic.

9.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

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There are no direct economic implications arising from this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A - Housing Compliance Report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Housing Committee	27 th February 2023

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