

DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject: High-Rise Building Safety Resident Engagement Strategy 2024-2026	
Staff Contact: Alexandra Pelling	Executive Member: Richard Prothero
Tel:	Portfolio:

1. Decision

To approve the High Rise Building Safety Resident Engagement Strategy.

2. Reasons for the decision

The High Rise Resident Building Safety Engagement strategy has been reviewed at the Executive Housing Working Group meeting held on 10 July. We have made changes where required and as suggested.

The strategy is required by the Building Safety Act 2022 and is pivotal in our approach to keeping our tenants safe and buildings compliant. It will also empower our residents to have a voice in the way the buildings are upgraded and maintained when building safety works are required.

There has been engagement activity held with residents of high rise and other higher risk buildings to help inform the strategy particularly regarding the preferred methods to communicate and engage with them around building safety.

A tenant friendly version will be designed, and a copy sent to all residents of the Council's five High Rise Buildings and published on our website:

Brent Court
Harrow Court
Hight Croft
High Plash
The Towers

We will monitor and record all outcomes of resident engagement in accordance with the strategy. The strategy will be reviewed and updated at regular intervals in consultation with residents. It can also be expanded in scope in the future to cover other higher risk buildings as required.

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3. **Alternative options considered and rejected** ²
Not applicable

4. Consultation

(a) The Housing and Housing Development Portfolio Holder has reviewed the strategy and supports its approval.

- (b) Comments of other consultees ³

The Executive Housing Working Group also reviewed and endorsed the strategy at their meeting on 10th July 2024

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Richard Protheroe

Title: Strategic Director

Date: 17/07/2024

6. **PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED/SIGNED FORM TO CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLICATION**

¹ for guidance see Borough Solicitor's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.