



Audit Advisory Committee

10 January 2018

Council

22 January 2018

Report from the Chief Executive

Emergency Preparedness Cover Report

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	Four: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Preparedness: A Task Group Report • Appendix A – Different types of incident and their command structure • Appendix B – Draft Emergency Planning 2020 Review (Local Authorities Panel) • Appendix C – ‘A Councillor’s guide to civil emergencies’ (LGA Guidance)
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower, a joint task group was formed between members of the Audit Advisory Committee and each of the scrutiny committees, to assess Brent’s emergency preparedness. The attached report sets out the task group’s findings and recommendations.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Audit Advisory Committee comment on the recommendations set out within the task group report, and note that the report will be taken to Full Council on 22 January 2018 for further debate and consideration by all Members.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None. None of the recommendations will incur significant cost to implement.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 None. The Council is currently fully compliant with all statutory requirements, and the recommendations set out in the attached report aim to improve on an already strong position.

5.0 Equality Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

6.1 The task group consisted of representatives from Audit Advisory Committee, Resources Scrutiny Committee, Housing Scrutiny Committee, and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee. All Councillors will have the opportunity to debate the report at Full Council on 22 January 2018.

7.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None.

Report sign off:

CAROLYN DOWNS
Chief Executive