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Funding arrangements following Grenfell Tower fire

Following the Grenfell Tower fire, I know that many of you will be considering what works are required to ensure your residential buildings are fire safe. My Department is currently working with the Building Research Establishment to carry out further tests to help provide you all with further information to inform these decisions. I will be making details of those tests available as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I thought it would help to outline the position on the funding arrangements for work that might be necessary following confirmation of the latest test results.

I am, of course, aware that there is concern about the financial implications for Local Authorities and Housing Associations.

Our expectation is that, as a building owner responsible for your tenants, you will fund measures designed to make a building fire safe, and will draw on your existing resources to do so.

Local fire services should provide advice on the essential safety measures necessary to make residential buildings safe, and alongside this landlords should take professional advice (e.g. from a qualified engineer with relevant experience in fire safety) on any essential work they may need to take on their cladding system to make it safe. Essential work would be any measures required to meet the requirements of current Building Regulations guidance.

Where a local authority has concerns about funding essential fire safety measures, they should approach us as soon as possible to discuss their position. Where works are

necessary to ensure the fire safety of a building, we will ensure that lack of financial resources will not prevent them going ahead. It would not include general improvements or enhancements to buildings which go beyond this.

If local authorities have any questions or would like to discuss the issues raised here in more detail, please contact localauthorityhousing@communities.gsi.gov.uk

The Social Housing Regulator is also planning to write on this to give further clarity to Housing Associations. Housing Associations should contact the Regulator if they have concerns about their ability to meet the cost of essential works.

We will of course keep these arrangements under review.

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