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To:
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All CFOs and FRA Chairs
By Email Only

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Dear Colleagues,

LAUNCH OF HOME OFFICE PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS IN HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CONSULTATION

I am writing to inform you that today the Home Office has launched a new consultation on Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (“PEEPs”) in high-rise residential buildings.

As a Government, we are committed to learning lessons and making improvements in building and fire safety to prevent such tragic events occurring in the future. This consultation seeks views on implementing the Grenfell Inquiry’s recommendations in relation to PEEPs in high-rise residential buildings. This is just one of a series of measures to implement the Inquiry’s recommendations on which we have already consulted. Our commitment to implementing the Grenfell Inquiry’s recommendations remains undimmed, and our intention is to implement them by way of regulations later this year once this consultation has taken place.

The consultation on PEEPs in high-rise residential buildings is now live and will be open for a period of six weeks, from 8th June 2021 to 19th July 2021.

I would like to put on the record my thanks to the National Fire Chief Council’s Building Safety Programme Team who have contributed to this work, providing technical insight to policy officials and offering continuing support during and after the consultation period.

I encourage you to raise awareness of the new consultation amongst colleagues, and for the NFCC to respond. As the main regulatory and enforcing authorities under the Order, I want to ensure that the Fire and Rescue Authorities and Fire Chiefs have the opportunity to set out their views and experience.

Our promise as a Government is to work together to ensure that no such tragedy can ever be allowed to happen again. Getting this right is our priority. This consultation gives you the opportunity to inform our final decisions and ultimately, help ensure that all people are safe from fire where they live, stay or work.

I am copying this letter to Grenfell Victims and Survivors Groups, and to the Chairs of relevant All-Party Parliamentary Groups.

I also attach a copy of the Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans in high-rise residential buildings consultation document to this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sgt' followed by a stylized flourish.

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