#### **APPG ACTIVITY**

## **JAN 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> Jan Received note from Bob Blackman MP that Nicolle Hoffman of Atkins Realis should be invited to join the APPG {Fire Safety Rescue} – she has been involved in fire safety for the last 40 years. Circulated reminders for APPG {Fire Safety Rescue} next meeting with two Ministers on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Corresponded with Josh Hawkins on APPG website. received details of a sprinkler save from Ali Perry BAFSA in Doncaster - Local MP Sally Jameson -.informed. All members of APPG reminded of the 7 Jan APPG meeting where two Ministers will be attending. A selection of the key 58 recommendations from phase 2 of the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry Final Report would form the main agenda. Received a reminder that Dame Diana Johnson DB MP will also be attending the 7<sup>th</sup> January APPG meeting along with Housing Minister Alex Norris MP. Home Office sent me a copy of the new PEEPS which was distributed to APPG Members.

"FIRE PRECAUTIONS, ENGLAND

The Fire Safety (Residential Evacuation Plans) (England)

**Regulations 2025** 

Made - - - - \*\*\*

Laid before Parliament \*\*\* Coming into force

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 24 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005(a).

Finalised the APPG Agenda and spoke with Minister Alex Norris MP's PS

Molly Delaney re the meeting and it's structure and flow. All agreed.

Corresponded with Chris Rumsey ABI Head of Public Affairs re the APPG meeting. Spoke and corresponded with Samuel Leeson – Public Affairs Manager RIBA re APPG meeting.

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – received report of further sprinkler actuations – which made interesting reading focussing on the ongoing issue of external Balcony fires with clear similarities with the West Hampstead Fire of 2018, where the parameters of the residential sprinkler system were challenged.(circulated APPG members). Corresponded with Tillie Muir, Political Officer FBU ref. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan APPG meeting. NFU Mutual released cost and Impact of Farm Fires – advised APPG.

7<sup>th</sup> January travel to London for APPG meeting and pre-meeting with Dr Gavin Dunne and Earl Lytton. Received an email from PS Bob Blackman to arrange an APPG visit to Heathrow Fire facilities in near future.

My attention drawn to the recent sprinkler activation reported by Obi Selassie (GFRS) which makes interesting reading identifying the benefits of sprinklers for HMO's. HMO accommodation is undoubtedly a challenging environment from a fire safety perspective with their own individual challenges when a property is let to multiple individual tenants due to the higher fire risk, on this occasion the new emerging risk of lithium batteries on charge – Advised APPG.

Participated in APPG meeting with DRAFT minutes posted on APPG website. And circulated to members and Ministers. The following attended:

**APPG Chairman Bob Blackman CBE MP** 

**APPG Vice Chair Mary Glindon MP** 

**APPG Vice Chair and Officer Baroness Brinton** 

**APPG Vice Chair and Officer Lord Goddard** 

Co Vice Chair - Lord John Hendy KC

Mary Foy MP

**Baroness Grey-Thompson** 

Joe Powell MP

Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP

**Earl of Lytton** 

Kim Johnson MP Ann Davies MP

**Apsana Begum MP (represented by staff member)** 

Harriet Shoosmith - PS to Bob Blackman CBE MP

**MHCLG Building Safety Minister Alex Norris MP** 

Home Office Minister of State Dame Diana Johnson DB MP

**Government Officials:** 

Molly Delaney - Private Secretary to Minister Alex Norris

Others not identified?

APPG Adviser Hon. Sec. Ronnie King OBE, F.I.F.E,

**APPG Adviser Tom Roche** 

APPG Adviser Mike Wood BA (Hons) OXON, F.I.F.E,

FPA Chief Exec - Dr Gavin Dunn BSc {Hons} MSc PhD FCABE, C.Build E

**BAFSA Chief Executive Alasdair Perry** 

Tillie Muir - Political Liaison FBU

A summary of Mike Wood's comments on Approved Document B at the meeting was as follows:

"The Inquiry is very critical of both AD B and of the construction industry in general because of their lack of knowledge and awareness.

There is no easy place for the industry to go to for a coherent explanation. If they had explanations then that would help their awareness and understanding.

I have a suggestion of a way to improve both, by improving AD B.

Paradoxically, AD B does not sufficiently well address buildings. Surprising as AD B is presented as one way to meet functional requirements of Building Regs.

Perhaps a controversial thing to say".

"It deals with fire separation, detection, alarm, suppression, compartmentation and fire performance of materials, products, perhaps some elements.

But not the whole building itself.

Here's what I mean ..... From the perspective of a product development technologist. What I always followed was what is called FMEA discipline. "Failure Mode and Effects Analysis."

How products fail in fire. Their mode of deterioration and mechanisms that lead to failure.

To eliminate weaknesses. And develop robust products that have a distinct and effective margin of safety.

I've known and used AD B many times, into my 4th decade now (!).

Always struck me it was often difficult to understand aspects of the guidance. Why has that been decided?

Two things would be useful:

- 1. In places throughout the document insert explanation boxes why certain guidance is considered important.
- 2. A supplement, separate but associated document. Or annex. Dealing specifically how buildings behave in fire and the main causes and possible mechanisms that apply concerning why buildings fail.

Mike Wood said he will be happy to help the ministry develop that idea. On behalf of APPG".

8<sup>th</sup> Jan At the APPG meeting the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (who is also a member of the APPG) said: "The Public Accounts Committee is holding an inquiry into 'The Remediation of Dangerous Cladding' and currently has a call for evidence open. – I would like to invite the Fire Safety and Rescue APPG to submit written evidence to this inquiry. The deadline for submissions is Monday 20th January, and submissions can be submitted via the

online portal here, or alternatively please send your submission as a Word document to this inbox (pubaccom@parliament.uk). I have copied the inquiry description and call for evidence below for ease. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact me."

I spent several days of research and consulted with Tom Roche, Steve McGuirk and NFCC, ABI and APPG Leasehold Common hold Reform, - The cleared a DRAFT submission with the Chairman Bob Blackman MP and submitted it to the PAC. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan sprinkler save reported by Group Commander Sion Slaymaker (Mid and West Wales FRS) which is a great example of why England should be following the lead of Wales making it mandatory to fit sprinklers in Specialized housing complex's – Reported to APPG – Another sprinkler 'save' Dundee Housing Development Sprinkler Activation – also advised APPG. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan - Received email from James Aulton – Home Office Fire Safety Unit re Fire Doors: "Hi all,

I wanted to update you on a discussion we had today with fire risk assessors and enforcers on the concerns about fire door proportionality you have raised. We have agreed to some initial practical steps to help address this including:

- Add further explanatory text to the existing fire door checks guide to land points about proportionality such as the checks are not designed to overturn decisions of fire risk assessors and the exercise should not be a pass/fail.
- Publish the update to the Fire Safety in Purpose Built Blocks of flats guide, which sets out when you might replace a door but makes clear how existing doors can remain appropriate, as soon as possible (we're just waiting to announce our policy on Residential PEEPs to hopefully enable us to move forward with this).
- The creation of a potentially new overall guide on fire doors including their purpose, a history of fire doors explaining fire resistance, an explanation of existing fire doors (including notional/nominal/historic fire doors), what a door should look like (including what you would expect to see with new doors) and bringing in what maintenance is required perhaps with some brief information on manufacturing and installation to set the scene.

The latter option will take longer but we will try and get the other 2, particularly updates to the existing guide done asap.

Thanks.

James Aulton

Fire Safety Unit | Fire Directorate | Public Safety Group

6th Floor Fry Building | 2 Marsham Street | London."

Mike Wood also responded to me on the Home Office Guidance on Sleeping Accommodation as follows:

They are specific to fire doors and especially smoke control - especially important. \*Comment sheet attached for my use if I wish.\*

Actually, i did think the guides well written and adequate for the purpose - not at all too technical and generally fit for the purpose. I don't think they need a great deal of comment, but even so I would have liked to give them more attention than I've been able to do."

13th Jan, APPG Chair asked me to deal with an email form Richard Jones of IOSH:-

"As you will know, the Government has committed to responding to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report (4 September 2024) within 6 months. Could I request that you use your influence and take this opportunity to urge the Government to urgently implement the recommendation:

"113.40 Our investigations have revealed that some important recommendations affecting fire safety were ignored by the government in the years leading up to the Grenfell Tower fire. Recommendations made by the Select Committee in 1999 were

not implemented and the department's response to the recommendations made by the Lakanal House coroner was inadequate. The department had no system for recording recommendations made by public bodies or keeping track of its response to them. That was obviously unsatisfactory. We recommend that it be made a legal requirement for the government to maintain a publicly accessible record of recommendations made by select committees, coroners and public inquiries together with a description of the steps taken in response. If the government decides not to accept a recommendation, it should record its reasons for doing so. Scrutiny of its actions should be a matter for Parliament, to which it should be required to report annually."

I feel sure that you and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Fire Safety and Rescue agree that we must learn lessons for prevention from tragedies and that Coroners PFDs are an important mechanism for helping achieve this and saving lives. I do hope you are able to support this request and please feel free to come back to me if you think I can be of any assistance. Many thanks for your attention in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Richard Jones CFIOSH** 

I responded and copied him into the APPG DRAFT minutes which covered this item, and then spoke to him and hopefully resolved the matter.

14th Jan Mike Wood replied to James Aulton Home Office as follows: "Morning James,

Thanks for your update email 10 Jan. The proposal looks very good to me. We certainly do not want to have unnecessary door replacements that are not justified, and treated in isolation separate from a wider risk assessment of the whole situation: that the checks are not intended to overturn a fuller risk assessment, and that fire doors in use in buildings should not be evaluated in accordance with the same criteria as applied to new doors.

Just some thoughts that came to me as I read the guidance - only to note just in case you may find them useful. If not then still OK with me.

So, as came to me:

The issue of replacements does not only apply to older fire doors. We know that relatively new doors can be caught up in this, as well, by inspectors who have connections to installer companies.

(We do receive reports of inspectors who are not acting strictly in accordance with independent and impartial motivations. It can happen. For that reason ASDMA is engaged with national qualification bodies on door inspections.)

No replacement should be put forward without a report which provides the explanation and the technical justification, by the inspector.

Where the name of the door provider or the door manufacturer is known then no replacements should be confirmed without the inspector first seeking input and comment from the provider/manufacturer.

Where there is test and certification available then no change should be made without reference to that information. (Not always the case, we find reported.)

Where the manufacturer or provider is not known, and data is not available, then the overall risk assessment should be referenced.

It is not appropriate to evaluate doors that have been use for some time as if they are new doors provided to the current standards.

Yes, for fire resistance, fire doors should be effectively self closing.

The closer is an important item of hardware. It is expected that there will be a practical check on the functioning, and adjustment of the door closer, where fitted, to ensure the door does close effectively and can be opened comfortably, and without difficulty or injury by those who may have to use the door in an emergency.

Specialist advice on the closer can be readily obtained from the closer supplier.

Also, If the intent is to limit the risk of smoke spread in ambient conditions then the door leaves should also have smoke seals together with self-closing. That should be at least on three sides, but ideally on all four sides of the leaf.

Smoke seals can be added. But that should be carried out by a certificated installer or the door manufacturer.

The results of all fire door inspections at this level should be provided in a signed inspection report, with explanations provided if significant changes are recommended.

If there are doubts then advice can be sought out from representative fire door trade associations who can seek guidance from hardware specialists and specialist fire door manufacturers if necessary.

**Best wishes** 

Mike

On behalf of The Architectural and Specialist Door manufacturers Association [ASDMA]"

15<sup>th</sup> Jan Received the following Email:

"Good afternoon.

I am emailing to request membership of the Fire Safety and Rescue APPG for Dave Robertson MP. Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Jessie

Jessie Mathewson

**Parliamentary Assistant** 

Office of Dave Robertson MP

Member of Parliament for Lichfield, Burntwood, and the villages" New Member to APPG.

18/19 Jan Corresponded with Tom Roche, Mike Wood and Martin Boyd re submission of PAC response.

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Travel to London to Attend Parliament and PMQ's plus Lords Members and Staff Open Day. And to commence renewal of Parliamentary Pass to 2026. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan attend funeral of West Wales Fire Officer in Carmarthen,29<sup>th</sup> Jan Online Fire Sector Federation meeting. 31<sup>st</sup> January met Tom Roche in Swansea West Wales for meeting on various issues relating to outstanding APPG business and forward planning.

### **APPG ACTIVITY**

# **FEBRUARY 2025**

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Govt. committed to a joint plan with Developers to accelerate developer led remediation and improve resident experience. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb A large London landlord has severed ties, and Homes England has suspended its relationship, with a fire assessor that has been sanctioned by the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE) 4<sup>th</sup> February – commenced paperwork for Parliamentary Pass renewal. John Morton FSF asked me to explore another Fire Event in the Lords for 4hours in May/June as occurred in 2023. I commenced finding sponsoring Peer and room availability. LFB Commissioner Andy Roe wrote to Bob Blackman announcing his retirement after 5 yrs in the role. He wanted to take the opportunity to thank Bob personally for his support, scrutiny and challenge, without which he would never have delivered the transformation of London Fire Brigade (LFB). He said that It has been an honour and a privilege to lead LFB, both through the global pandemic and a wholescale reform of the service, in response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, vital recommendations from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and LFB's own Independent Culture Review. I assisted the

Chairman in preparing a response. I received EFSN report for January.6<sup>th</sup> Feb Clive Betts MP, who made a number of strong interventions on government policy during his time as chair of the Housing select committee, will lead a new taskforce to support the growth of the build-to-rent (BTR) sector. He takes on the role at a time when the number of BTR homes under construction has fallen 18% since the end of 2023. BTR is considered a key element of the delivery mix when considering Labour's aim to deliver 1.5 million homes this parliament.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb Commons statement – Sec of State Angela Rayner Improving Social Housing Quality and Strengthening Tenant Voice - Alongside our commitment to delivering the biggest increase in social and affordable house building in a generation, the Government are determined to drive a transformational and lasting change in the safety and quality of social housing. The Government recognise that many social housing landlords provide safe and decent homes to their tenants, ensure they receive services that meet their needs, and act quickly to resolve complaints. "We appreciate the vital role that providers of social housing play, and we commend those who strive continuously to ensure they are fulfilling their core purpose and are treating their tenants with fairness and respect. We remain committed to working in partnership with the sector to improve the quality of life for those living in social housing across the country.

However, it is not in dispute that far too many tenants still live in homes that are not well managed or maintained and often struggle to secure adequate redress. English housing survey data makes clear that in 2023, 7% of social rented homes had a damp problem and 4% had hazards rated at the most dangerous category 1 level. It is imperative that we take action to address this indefensible situation".

"This statement sets out the next steps the Government intend to take to clamp down on damp, mould and other hazards in social homes by introducing Awaab's law to the social rented sector. It also updates the House on other measures we will introduce in due course to drive up the safety and quality of social homes."

Awaab's law: "I wish to pay tribute once again to the parents of Awaab Ishak, Faisal Abdullah and Aisha Amin. They have tenaciously and courageously fought to secure justice, not only for their son but for all of those who live in social housing. Awaab's law is vital legislation that will empower social tenants to hold their landlords to account using the full force of the law if they fail to investigate and fix hazards within their homes within set timescales. It will also allow tenants to access the housing ombudsman if their landlord does not adhere to strict timelines for action.

While progress is also dependent on a more fundamental change in the culture and values of social housing providers, Awaab's law will play an integral role in ensuring that all social landlords take complaints about hazards seriously; respond to them in a timely and professional manner; and treat tenants with empathy, dignity and respect. Over 1,000 responses to the consultation on Awaab's law were received from social housing landlords, social housing tenants, industry experts and members of the public. The Government will bring Awaab's law into force for the social rented sector from October this year".

7<sup>TH</sup> February Alistair Strathern MP for Hitchen – spoke in the Commons "Six times in the past 12 months, Hitchin has had to endure repeated fires in industrial estates often triggered by lithium-ion batteries. It is clear that we need much tougher regulations to ensure the safety of those sites and, given the inherent risk that their businesses now pose, consideration of whether a time-limited licensing scheme would better enable local authorities to ensure that their location remains appropriate with evolving land use. Will the Minister meet me to ensure that we can make progress on this important issue" Minister Mary Creagh MP:-

"I am always happy to meet my hon. Friend. Battery-related fires risk lives, livelihoods and the environment. The Environment Agency is currently reviewing approximately 2,000 metal recycling permits. The Hitchin shredder site is midway through its review,

and a revised permit will be issued shortly. The Environment Agency has also produced new regulatory guidance on metal shredding and will consult on guidance for waste batteries in the spring.

Will the Minister meet me to ensure that we can make progress on this important issue? R King has secured Alistair Strathern to attend the next APPG meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb R King Circulated Final DAFT minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 meeting with Ministers Alex Norris and Dame Diana Johnson. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Decision to demolish Grenfell Tower would put disaster 'out of sight. Angela Rayner told bereaved and survivors yesterday that work to demolish the building would start in June Leaseholders have won the right to manage of the landmark Thames riverside site Chelsea Bridge Wharf, which includes the headquarters of the developer that built it, the Berkeley Group.

This is a hugely significant achievement, bringing flat-owner empowerment to one of the most important leasehold sites in the country just at the point when government is bringing forward a succession of reforms.

The victory is a loud rebuke to the existing system whereby management is imposed on flat owners by freeholders or head lessees, whose financial stake is a mere fraction of the value of the building. Advised that Leaseholders win control of 1,132-flat Chelsea Bridge Wharf ... which means they also manage the HQ of housebuilder the Berkeley Group..

12<sup>th</sup> Feb – LFB announced that Harrow Fire Station on the APPG Chairman's CONSTITUENCY is one of two LFB Fire Stations categorised as: Safe Havens. They offer temporary refuge to people who are at risk and feel vulnerable.or unsafe. The scheme is primarily aimed at women and girls but they are open to anyone wh"o feels unsafe, harassed or vulnerable. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb PM Keir Starmer: ...the report, I am confirming today that responsibility for fire will move from the Home Office to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. This change will bring responsibility for building safety and fire under a single Secretary of State, providing for a more coherent approach to keeping people safe from fire in their homes"-Written Ministerial Statements - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Large-scale housing site delivery

13 Feb 2025 Watched Minister Matthew Pennycook: "The delivery of significant numbers of large-scale housing developments in England is integral to driving economic growth and meeting the government's ambitious Plan for Change milestone of building 1.5 million safe and decent homes in this Parliament. I am today updating the House on the progress that is being made to build out large sites across the country.

13<sup>th</sup> Feb Exchanged correspondence with Richard Jones IOSH on behalf of APPG Chairman. re the fact that the APPG has raised the issue of coroners' recommendations being ignored in the past (e.g. Lakanal House) and the issue of firefighters who have been exposed to all sorts of toxic chemicals. He thought it would be helpful if the APPG could lend it's support for the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Report recommendation (113.40) on coroners PFD reports and public inquiries, which can help ensure that fire safety-related actions are taken in a timely way and lives are saved. Several exchanges of corresponded resulted in a satisfactory outcome.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb R King Exchanged correspondence with MWW Fire & Rescue Service over sprinkler save at a Swansea School not far from where he lives. The MP is Torsten Bell who holds the Government post of Parliamentary Secretary (Treasury) and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (work and Pensions)' RK has made contact to keep him abreast of Fire Safety issues

15<sup>th</sup> Feb R King received confirmation from Nick Cross that his Parliamentary pass renewal is completed and approved. Ready to collect. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb received correspondence from Lesley-Bernadette Mukenge, Public Affairs Manager Heathrow Airport agreeing to APPG visit to Fire Facilities.16<sup>th</sup> Feb received confirmation from

Tara Joe, Public Affairs Manager Electrical Safety First re speaking at next APPG on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb Written Answers - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Building Safety Regulator

Neil Coyle: To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of Building Safety Regulator processing speeds; and what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of those speeds on the delivery of approved buildings.

Written Answers - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Property Development

Alex Norris: Building control assure compliance with the building regulations and have powers to intervene where it is found that buildings are in breach of the Building Regulations. It is an important function for local authorities, protecting the health and safety of residents and enabling economic activity. We have invested £16.5 million to support capacity building in local authority building control. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb email from Richard Jones IOSH "Hi Ronnie, Thanks for this detailed update...it's fantastic to see that the APPG has raised these issues with MHCLG and the Home Office! Appreciating that Govt take collective decisions, and that the health, safety and wellbeing of firefighters should be a concern for the DWP and the DHSC, perhaps an APPG letter to them emphasising the importance of this recommendation, would help build momentum? Also, given the Ministry of Justice will have an interest here because coroners are within their remit, again, perhaps an APPG letter to them might help? Overall, the thinking here is to try to maximise the number of voices across Govt all calling for action in this area...Anyway, I'll leave it with you...there's no need to get back to me on this. Many thanks for your help."

20<sup>th</sup> Feb On the basis of responses received and limited Room availability, R King booked Lords Committee Room 4A, Committee Corridor, for the next meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (Fire Safety & Rescue) from 1pm to 2pm on Wednesday 19th March 2024, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb received confirmation from Yurii TYRKUS, Counsellor (Political) Embassy of Ukraine to the UK for a meeting with Lord Goddard and myself on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Received info from Nick Coleshill Reference:- LFB Reported Sprinkler Activations December 2024 - January 2025

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. R King Travelled to London Parliamentary meeting with Earl Lytton, Baroness Brinton Bob Blackman MP, Dr Gavin Dunn and David Williams FPA and Jim Pauley NFPA – USA.

R King also recorded the following announcement in the Commons from Sec of State for Housing Angela Rayner: "This Government accept that the final report of the Grenfell Tower inquiry must be the catalyst for long-lasting systemic change. All Members of the House, past and present, will have shared my anger over its shocking findings. The inquiry chair, Sir Martin Moore-Bick, and his dedicated team uncovered damning evidence of political, corporate and individual failings going back decades. These led to the loss of 72 innocent lives, 18 of them children, on that terrible night in June 2017. It was a deadly betrayal and a national tragedy that must never happen again. I repeat today what the Prime Minister said in September to the bereaved families, the survivors and those in the immediate Grenfell community, some of whom are with us today in the Gallery: on behalf of the Government, the British state and those responsible, I am very sorry.

The inquiry report made 58 recommendations, of which 37 were directed at the Government. The Government accept the findings of the report and will take forward all the recommendations. Our response published today addresses each in turn and goes further, to set out our wider reforms of social housing and the construction sector. As we make these vital changes, we will publish quarterly reports on progress and update Parliament annually. The Government are open to scrutiny and will remain

accountable for their actions. We will prioritise residents and protect their interests, make sure that industry builds safe homes, and provide clearer accountability and enforcement. To have anyone anywhere living in an unsafe home is one person too many. That will be our guiding principle, and it must be that of anyone who wants to build or care for our homes. That will be an important part of the legacy of Grenfell."

## **APPG ACTIVITY**

## **MARCH 2025**

Provisional notes on activity from March 2025 are sparse – on the 13<sup>th</sup> March Lord Goddard and myself met with representatives from the Ukraine Embassy due to the changes in Ambassador and Consulate. The meeting was in relation to the continuance of support from FireAid and confirmation of where the vehicles and equipment from convoy 7 had been allocated. On 18<sup>th</sup> March the Housing Select Committee will receive evidence from various organisations and individuals re.lating to Grenfell Tower. It will be available subsequently via a public record The next APPG meeting will be held from 1pm to 2.15pm on Wednesday19<sup>th</sup> March, with the following Agenda:-

- 1. Welcome from APPG Chairman Bob Blackman CBE MP and apologies for absence.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the 7th January 2025 meeting with Ministers Alex Norris MP and Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP APPG Chairman
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes APPG Chairman
- 4. Electrical SafetyFirst's campaign on Lithium-ion Batteries. ESF Chief Executive Lesley Rudd and members of her team
- 5. Battery Energy Storage Systems Matthew Deadman Director Kent Fire & Rescue Service (Response & Resilience) and National Fire Chiefs Council Transport and Infrastructure Lead Officer.
- 6. Foam Filled Furniture Regulations Correspondence with Minister at Department for Business and Trade Justin Madders MP Update APPG Hon. Sec. R King
- 7. Public Accounts Committee call for Evidence APPG response Update APPG Hon. Sec. R King
- 8. APPG Invitation tp visit Fire facilities at Heathrow for decision APPG Chairman Bob Blackman CBE MP
- 9. Any other Urgent Business APPG Chairman
- 10. Next Meeting May 2025

R King – APPG Adviser and Hon. Sec