

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 27th June 2013
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
PORTFOLIO: Leader
SUBJECT: Sprinklers – New Residential Properties
WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek support to lobby for the introduction of sprinklers in all new residential properties and specifically high-rise blocks.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

Executive Board support action to lobby for the introduction of sprinklers in all new residential properties and specifically high-rise blocks.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Attached is a report of Cheshire Fire Authority (CFA) addressing the benefits of installing sprinklers in all new residential properties and specifically high-rise blocks.
- 3.2 The Council is asked to support a campaign to lobby for the introduction of sprinklers as outlined in the CFA report.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The introduction of residential sprinklers will improve health & safety in the Borough and save lives.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the CFA report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 To improve the health and wellbeing of the Borough for children, young people and adults.
- 6.2 To improve building design and quality in the Borough.
- 6.3 To reduce the risk and consequences of fire and improve associated public safety across the Borough.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 There is evidence to support that investment in residential sprinklers reduces the cost of damage should a fire occur.
- 7.2 Investment in sprinklers can reduce insurance costs and premiums where they are fitted.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/A

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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(copy attached)