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Overview & Scrutiny Spotlight

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Improving today, shaping tomorrow



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Housing Fire Safety Issues

- Fire Risk Assessments
- Building Regulations
- Environmental Health
- Cladding materials
- Post-Grenfell DCLG-led testing programme
- Council Housing
- Other social housing
- Private housing
- THH actions underway and to follow

Temporary Accommodation

- Over 2000 households in temporary accommodation
- Accommodation must be suitable: affordable; not statutorily overcrowded; accessible to meet medical/social/welfare/education needs; accessible to transport, amenities, employment
- Out of borough placements: we assess the impact on all of these factors for each individual household taking into account circumstances
- 50% of all placements now out of borough, of which 59% are in East London Boroughs
- 72% of all new self-contained properties procured in 2016/17 were out of borough, compared to 90% in the previous two years



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Housing Register Applications

All applicants placed in high priority bands are required to provide proof of 3 years continuous residence unless they are eligible for band 2b due to being in housing need.

For Council tenant transfers proof of 3 years continuous residency is from the tenancy date or previous application if tenancy less than 3 years; we verify identity/immigration status/residency for tenants at home visit.

For non-tenants we require:

six items out of the last twelve months, a variety of documents, one must be a FULL bank statement, that any wages or benefits are paid into.

eight items of proof of residence from the two years before this.

If they have moved from another address within Tower Hamlets within the last three years, proof from this earlier address will be accepted.

For Band 3 applicants only proof of identity and immigration status is checked and a more thorough check undertaken if they move into a higher band or are coming up for offer



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Homelessness due to Domestic Violence

- All reports of homelessness due to domestic violence are treated very seriously and details are taken of the areas from which the victims are fleeing as well as the areas where they would not feel safe and the reasons for this.
- Where a DV victim wishes to remain in Tower Hamlets despite the incident(s) having taken place in the Borough, the risks associated with this are discussed in detail. For example, a parent may wish a child to continue to attend school without full consideration of the risks to both the child and the parent.
- The option to remain in a tenancy is available through the Sanctuary Scheme, commissioned by Community Safety, which secures a property in which the perpetrator no longer resides. This is a voluntary scheme and there is no pressure to remain at home if the victim does not feel safe in doing so.



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Housing Delivery Vehicles

- Seahorse Homes Ltd now registered with Companies House, 100% owned by LBTH
- Preparing loan agreement following State Aid advice on appropriate market terms of loan
- Mulberry Housing Society in registration process with Financial Conduct Authority
- Independent Board members appointed
- Preparing lease and loan agreements