

URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with paragraphs 10.5.1 – 10.5.4 of the Council Procedure Rules to consider the following Notice of Motion.

The reason for the Motion to be considered as an urgent item is that the tragedy that led to the need for it post dated the date for submission of NOM's and the subject matter is intended to reassure the residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf that their safety is a Council priority.

Notice of Motion standing in the names of:-

Councillors P.Jarman, G.Davies, E.Webster, S.Rees Owen, M.Weaver, W.Jones, A.Chapman, S.Evans Fear, D.Grehan, K.Morgan, J.Williams, A.Cox, D.Macey, H.Fychan, J.Davies, J.Cullwick, L. Jones, E. Stephens

“ This Council extends its deepest sympathy to all those families of Grenfell Tower who were injured or lost loved ones in the recent fire that engulfed their homes. We also pay tribute to the emergency services, Fire and Rescue, Police and Ambulance for the role they played in rescuing people from the inferno that confronted them and the many volunteers that assisted during and following this disaster.

Most local authority areas have blocks of flats and other high rise buildings that people work in and this Council is no different. People who live and work in these spaces need reassurances about the safety of these buildings following the tragic events in Grenfell Tower.

As a consequence, this Council, in an effort to eliminate such fears, will launch a Community Safety exercise with all housing providers in Rhondda Cynon Taf, the Fire and Rescue Service, Police and other appropriate stakeholders.

The purpose of the exercise will be to undertake risk assessments to ensure that all multi story flats and other multi story and high rise buildings comply with building regulations, fire regulations and health and safety standards. If any risks are identified then the proper authorities must use their statutory powers and intervene to urgently make the property safe and compliant.

The findings of the report will be made public at the end of the assessment, listing all properties inspected and where they were non compliant, what remedial action was taken. “