

Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations

Lifts in Sheltered Accommodation

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet are required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet are asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation	Officer Commentary	Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
R1 That the Cabinet ask the Chief Executive to demonstrate adequate contingency plans are in place in the event that any other capital/strategic project becomes the subject of multiple delays or uncertainty in future.	Project Risk Registers are maintained for each Major Project. Major Projects Group oversee all major capital projects.	Accept	In place
R2 Cabinet should oversee the proposals referred to in paragraph 5.2(f) that enable lift refurbishment and repair to be brought forward out-with the PFI programme.	The funding of the refurbishment of 15 sheltered housing lifts was agreed by Cabinet on 15 th February 2012. Orders for these works have now been placed with Kone Lifts. Detailed site surveys have subsequently commenced with the installation of all lifts to be completed between June and November 2012. The Mayor her Cabinet and Ward Members	Accept	15 lifts in 14 schemes to be replaced between June and November 2012

	will be kept fully informed of progress through monthly briefing updates.		
R3 Cabinet should ensure that the briefing referred to at paragraph 5.7 is carried out by the Strategic Director of Community Services and the Head of North Tyneside Homes at the earliest opportunity; and that all members continue to be apprised of progress on lifts refurbishment and replacement; and with the ongoing development of the warden service. This should use an appropriate channel such as the Members' Newsletter.	Consultation with our tenants in sheltered accommodation and group dwelling schemes began in Feb 2012. The Mayor and her cabinet will be kept fully informed and there will be monthly briefing notes provided to all members outlining consultation progress.	Accept	Scheduled to be completed by July 2012
R4 Cabinet should ask the Chief Executive to demonstrate that arrangements are in place to ensure that any risks of failure to other lifts across the Council's estate are identified and managed appropriately.	<p>A 'lift working group' has been established with representatives from various services areas that are responsible for lift maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Service areas established and maintain a schedule of lifts. • Monitoring be undertaken to ensure that all routine maintenance and servicing of the lifts is undertaken as planned. • All responsible areas are required to establish and maintain a schedule of LOLER inspections. 	Accept	Completed April 2012 and ongoing

<p>R5 Cabinet should ask the Chief Executive to ensure that risks associated with the management of capital projects, wherever they are managed within the Council, are considered for inclusion in the Corporate Risk Register.</p>	<p>Each Major Project has its own risk register for the identification and management of specific risks associated with that project.</p> <p>The Major Projects Team will be asked to include a standing agenda item for meetings of the team of which any cross cutting risk areas can be considered for escalation as appropriate.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>April 2012</p>