

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & GATEWAY SERVICES Councillor Alison Butler		
CQ116-18	Hale, L	Fire Safety Costs
CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN GREEN CROYDON Councillor Stuart Collins		
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CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES Councillor Simon Hall		
CQ126-18	Pelling, A	Teachers' Pension Fund

CQ116-18 from Councillor Lynne Hale

Councillor Alison Butler

Please could I have the costs/estimated costs for the works identified in CQ107-18:

Please could I have a full update on all the fire safety works for the following:

1. All residential blocks of accommodation – both owned and leased by the Council
2. All Council non-residential buildings

Please include the details of any works and the costs involved for works:

1. Completed since July 2017
2. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion
3. Identified but not yet in progress

Reply

Costs/estimated costs for the works identified in CQ107-18:

Fire Safety Works

1. All residential blocks of accommodation – both owned and leased by the Council

Sprinkler Programme: £4,630.177.06

The sprinkler programme is divided into three lots, with lots 1 and 2 comprising 8 blocks while lot 3 includes 9 blocks.

Lot 1: 6 out of 8 blocks are completed and the remaining two blocks (Belgrave and Regina Road) are due to be completed in mid-September. The completion date for these two blocks have been extended due to ongoing technical solutions for the installation of the sprinkler tanks and pumps.

Lot 2: all blocks completed awaiting tank installation in 6 blocks to enable the commissioning of the sprinkler system.

Lot 3: Pipework completed in 6 of 9 units boxing and tank installation should be completed by the 19 December 2019.

Remedial Works: £963,189.66

All fire safety works undertaken on council, leaseholder and lease properties have been instructed and completed following an FRA under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 or as a result of deficiency notice issued by the LFB.

The works carried out to date have included: Communal Fire doors, replacement fire doors/frame to house/flat, upgrade front entrance door (strips, seals, intumescent letterbox etc) signage, Compartmentation, emergency lighting, external cladding checks/samples, intumescent strips to fire doors, spyhole and fireproof letterbox, fire doors, intumescent letter box liners, fire/smoke, detectors/alarms, infill panels smoke vent windows, Gas pipes, Gas boilers.

1. Completed since July 2017

Sprinkler Programme: £903,342.40

Name	Street	Post Code	Start Date	Completion Date	Ward
LOT 1					
COLLEGE GREEN 98-176	COLLEGE GREEN	SE19 3PP		Completed Nov 2017	UPPER NORWOOD
COLLEGE GREEN 55-133	COLLEGE GREEN	SE19 3PR		Completed April 2018	UPPER NORWOOD
GROSVENOR ROAD 1-44	GROSVENOR ROAD	SE25 5AW		Completed July 2018	SOUTH NORWOOD
REGINA ROAD 58-108A	REGINA ROAD	SE25 4TT		Completed July 2018	SOUTH NORWOOD
REGINA ROAD 2-56A	REGINA ROAD	SE25 4TW		Completed July 2018	SOUTH NORWOOD
SEVENOAKS HOUSE	PENGE ROAD	SE25 4ET		Completed July 2018	SOUTH NORWOOD
TONBRIDGE HOUSE	PENGE ROAD	SE25 4EU		Completed July 2018	SOUTH NORWOOD

Remedial Works:

- Number of jobs completed since July 2017: 1061
- Total cost of works: £917,702.45

2. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion

Sprinkler Programme: £3,726,834.66

Name	Street	Post Code	Start Date	Completion Date	Ward	Comments
LOT 1						
Belgrave Road 1-87	Belgrave Road	SE25 5AL	22/02/2018	27/07/2018	South Norwood	Due to on-going technical problems the completion date for these 2 blocks has been ex-tended to November.
Regina Road 1-87	Regina Road	SE25 4TW	27/07/2018	27/07/2018	South Norwood	
LOT 2						
Gordon Crescent 133-179	Gordon Crescent	CR0 6NX	20/03/2018	14/08/2018	Addiscombe	Due to the on-going technical solution with the water tanks - the completion date for LOT 2 has been extended to the end of November.
Fisher Close 1-29	Fisher Close	CR0 6QY	03/04/2018	14/08/2018	Addiscombe	
Windmill Bridge House	Freemasons Road	CR0 6PB	10/04/2018	14/08/2018	Addiscombe	
Lodge Lane 463-549	Lodge Lane	CR0 0SA	24/04/2018	14/08/2018	Fieldway	
Beech House 1-66	Beech House	CR0 9DY	08/05/2018	14/08/2018	Fieldway	
Cedar House 1-68	Cedar House	CR0 9DZ	22/05/2018	14/08/2018	Fieldway	
Lodge Lane 551-637	Lodge Lane	CR0 0QA	05/06/2018	14/08/2018	Fieldway	

Chertsey Crescent 56A-76D	Chertsey Crescent	CR0 0DX	19/06/2018	14/08/2018	New Addington	
LOT 3						
Bramley Hill	Bramley Hill	CR2 6LW	14/08/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	Due to the on-going technical solution with the water tanks - Lot 3 has also been extended to the end of December/January.
Kelling Court 1-44	The Waldron's	CR0 4AY	21/08/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	
Messer Court 1-44	The Waldron's	CR0 4AX	27/08/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	
Violet Lane	Violet Lane	CR0 4HH	03/09/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	
Morris Court 1-44	The Waldron's	CR0 4AZ	10/09/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	
Bridge Place 50-89	Bridge Place	CR0 2BB	24/09/2018	30/11/2018	Selhurst	
Garnet Road 1-133	Garnet Road	CR7 8RD	01/10/2018	30/11/2018	Thornton Heath	
Gillett Road 12-144	Gillett Road	CR7 8SN	05/10/2018	30/11/2018	Thornton Heath	
Cromwell House 1-86	Old Town	CR0 1AS	05/10/2018	30/11/2018	Waddon	

Remedial Works £24,716.89 (see appendix 2)

3. Identified but not yet in progress

Sprinkler Programme N/A

Remedial works:

- Number of jobs identified but not completed: 94
- Total costs of these works: £24,716.89

2. All Council non-residential buildings

A detailed Fire Safety Review of the corporate estate for all council operated buildings that are subject to a fire risk assessment under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 has been completed. All assessments are up to date including all library buildings that recently returned under the council's responsibility. In addition to these formal assessments that are reviewed annually, the facilities management operations team undertakes weekly visual safety checks and user checks of all corporate buildings to ensure, for example, escape routes are kept clear. Further statutory compliance maintenance activities are completed under the relevant best practice guidance and legal requirements for all active fire safety systems and fire doors. This review has also included the councils the leasehold estate and the community portfolio, which has been supported by the councils H&S team to ensure compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This includes ensuring that all fire risk assessments are in place, where these are the responsibility of the occupier or tenant under this legislation. The councils H&S team have also provided, where required, specific training and advice to help these community organisations. There are only 12 tenants where the Council has had no response and formal action is being taken under the lease terms to ensure this matter is resolved.

1. Completed since July 2017 - £46,000

As part of the formal FRA annual review £46,000 of remedial repairs have been necessary to rectify any passive or active fire safety deficiencies.

These range from building compartmentation work such as heat and smoke seal repairs to improvements to existing fire safety systems such as installing a new smoke head within an existing fire alarm system.

2. Currently In progress – with date commenced and date for completion

There are currently 9 actions that are outstanding from the current cyclical FRA review and these are being actioned and where necessary alternative management arrangements have been put in place to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. As an example, this could be setting a minimum number of people allowed within a specific room or space in a building. These will be completed by the end of October.

3. Identified but not yet in progress – Not costed

For the corporate estate and in line with the requirements set out under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 this review process is ongoing and the Corporate (FM & Estates) Fire Safety Group oversee the monitoring processes for all fire safety including all associated works and reviews. This group have requested that all sleeping accommodation within the corporate estate have an intrusive fire compartmentation assessment carried out and this is under commission. Although these establishments are low rise (ground and first floor only), with no stay put policies, have FRA's in place and work carried out to ensure compliance, this will provide further assurance.

CQ122-18 from Councillor Robert Canning**Councillor Stuart Collins**

Under Croydon Council's contract with Idverde, or otherwise, what steps are taken to ensure that grass verges and green spaces are free from litter before the grass is cut so as to avoid shredding litter at these locations given that it is easier to collect single pieces of litter in these locations before the grass is cut than it is to collect multiple pieces of shredded litter after the grass has been cut?

Reply

The Grounds Maintenance Contract requires Idverde to remove litter prior to cutting the grass. The street cleansing contract also requires Veolia to maintain all relevant land to a grade B at all times, which includes regular litter picking of grass verges. Idverde co-ordinate the mowing of grass verges around Veolia's litter picking schedule to ensure the amount of accumulated litter in these areas is minimal. Where it is clear from the presence of large amounts of shredded litter that insufficient litter picking has been carried out prior to the grass mowing, contractual penalties are applied.

CQ126-18 from Councillor Andrew Pelling

Councillor Simon Hall

Please provide an estimate of the amount of money paid annually by Croydon schools into the Teachers' Pension Fund.

Reply:

For 2017/18 the employer contribution for Croydon Schools paid into the Teacher's Pension Fund was approximately £7.8m. Please note this figure does not include contributions paid by Academies.