

Property & Occupants Risk Management Group (P&ORMG)**Summary of key work undertaken 2025 & planned for 2026**

Note: Because of security considerations minimal detail is provided

Work undertaken during 2025**P&ORMG Terms of Reference**

- Revised to reflect changes in group membership
- Re-affirmed approach to informing/reminding academies/3rd parties on their regulatory responsibilities

Standing items**Fire safety****Sprinklers - policy revision and installations**

- Reviewed policy and processes.
- Amendments made regarding testing, maintenance & servicing of sprinkler systems.
- Published on LCC website. Shared with developers for future projects

Fire Risk Assessments (FRA) in schools & academies

- Operational Property Services (OPS) Regulatory Compliance Team ongoing reviews of FRA's returned from academies

FRA's procured services

- OPS Technical Fire Safety Officer ongoing working with & training A&C and C&FS contract monitoring officers.
- Supporting other client departments e.g. not only in 3rd party procured services but also in SCIP managed buildings owned by LCC.

Fire evacuation – County Hall campus

- Reviewed and revised alarm systems and evacuation process
- All buildings subject to evacuation drills in last 12 months
- Sought and took account of feedback following drills and posted lessons learned on intranet

Insurers risk improvement reports

- Reviewed & responded to improvement actions for three site reports

- Improved arrangements for vacant property management

Occupants' safety

County Hall physical security controls

- Ongoing reviews and revisions where required
- Additional external security training provided
- Penetration exercises planned

Tenants

- Routine meetings between landlord and tenants covering
 - Site inductions
 - Access security including tailgating
 - Car park security & enforcement.

Other LCC sites physical security controls

- Based on known incidents, undertook reviews and carried out improvements to physical security measures at two sites
- Reviews supported forthcoming Martyn's Law requirements (Standard Tier site in terms of occupancy).

Ways of Working programme (now closed)

- Reviewed security and H&S matters
- Provided evacuation monitor training

Regulations

- Work on the government's counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST)
 - Prevent duty – started an audit of venue hire arrangements
 - Protect (Martyn's Law) - Shortlist of potential properties identified; next step is service-level review.
- STWA reviews of lead in maintained schools
- Radon gas – revised Public Health England (PHE) data on radon gas coverage – reviewed corporate estate and arranged testing. Informed relevant academies
- Planned for HSE asbestos site visits – audit conducted by H&S and OPS Regulatory Compliance
- OPS Technical Fire Safety Officer involved in embedding Building Safety Act (2022) processes within the property capital and revenue construction programmes via an internal Principal Designer role (Building Regulations). Technical guidance also being provided to other departments across the Council

Work planned for 2026

- Continue to monitor worthiness and effectiveness of P&ORMG
- Standing agenda items – continuous review where they can be amended or removed
- Increase involvement in determining Protect requirements
- Determine group role in establishing/maintaining a Prepare & Protect Group as proposed under the Government's Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) in local government initiative
- Respond to ad-hoc requests from DoCR or others
- Continue to build relationship with insurers including: -
 - further site security surveys
 - training within LCC to ensure key insurer conditions are understood.

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