

CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND FIRE SAFETY

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) endorses the conclusions of the Interim Report of the Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, Chaired by Dame Judith Hackitt. The Interim Report has concluded that the current system of ensuring fire safety in high rise and complex buildings is not fit for purpose, and is in need of reform. It identifies systemic weaknesses in relation to the clarity of regulations and guidance, accountability for fire safety within the design, construction and maintenance phases of the life of a building, the need to improve training and raise the competence of those involved in fire safety, and to strengthen compliance and enforcement processes.

The CLC has already been in contact with the Dame Judith Hackitt in relation to the Review, to discuss her conclusions and how the CLC can help to take these forward, including through the Sector Deal for Construction, announced in the Industrial Strategy White Paper. The CLC will be meeting Dame Judith early in the New Year to determine how the CLC can support her in her work, and we can align the strategic objectives of the Review with those of the Sector Deal in relation to improving the whole life performance of buildings, innovating for better, safer buildings and increasing skill levels within the construction workforce.

Andrew Wolstenholme, Co-Chair of the Construction Leadership Council said:

"The conclusions of the Interim Report are a call to action for the construction industry, and it is important that the industry responds. The CLC will work with the industry and Dame Judith Hackitt to take forward work in those areas that have been identified as needing reform".

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