



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-422, please find your question and our response below.

With regard to Fire Safety:

Q1(a) In your local Authority which role is identified as the 'Responsible Person'?

Chief Executive

Q1(b) Which criteria set out by the *Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005*, shown below, aligns with the role stated above? *More than one may apply.*

Were they appointed as 'Responsible Person' because they are the senior employer in relation to a workplace? **Yes**

Or/and because they have control of the premises (as occupier or otherwise) in connection with the carrying on of a trade, business, or other undertaking (for profit or not)?

Or/and they are the owner, where the person in control of the premises does not have control in connection with the carrying on by that person of a trade, business, or other undertaking?

Q1(c) Do you have more than one role identified as the 'Responsible Person' if so, please state what roles they are and which building type they cover?

Facilities and Open Spaces Manager - (all corporate council buildings). Ensuring fire safety risk assessments are in place and arranging associated maintenance and testing responsibilities are undertaken in line with statutory requirements.

Q1(d) Which building types does your 'Responsible Person' have duties under the *Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005*, to take general fire precautions for?

Schools		Residential Care Facilities	
Civic Offices	Yes	Theatres/Art Centres	
Council Managed Tenanted Premises	Yes	Multi-storey car parks	
Public Toilets	Yes	Community Centres	
Social Housing		High Risk Residential Buildings	
Other please state:			

Q1(e) How does your local authority record who is responsible for fire safety in your organisation? **The designated roles are stated in our Fire Safety Policy.**

Q2(a) What role/s has the 'responsible person' appointed to assist them in their undertaking of preventative and protective measures with regard to fire safety at each building type above?

Council offices – Facilities and Open Spaces Manager

Council managed tenanted premises –

Q2(b) Which role undertakes fire door inspections across the local authority portfolio?

In house maintenance team - **Yes**

In house designated role to undertake fire door inspection

External contractor - non fire specialist

External contractor - Fire Door Inspection service provider such as a member of the Fire Door Inspection Scheme (FDIS)

Q2(c) Which role installs new fire door sets for your local authority properties?

In house maintenance team

In house specialist carpenter

External building services/facilities management provider - **Yes**

External fire door specialist provider

External fire door specialist provider audited by a third-party

Q2(d) Who maintains, and repairs fire door sets and their components at your local authority properties?

In house maintenance team - **Yes**

In house specialist carpenter

External building services/facilities management provider

External fire door specialist provider

External fire door specialist provider audited by a third-party

Q2(e) Which roles in your local authority lead, on procuring services relating to fire doors?

(These are roles other than Procurement services, such as those who determine the contract specification, evaluate tenders, and award the contracts.) **Facilities and Open Spaces Manager**

Q2(f) On your latest procurement of new fire door installation how were they specified? If they were specified to be installed as a fire door set with all components tested, as part of that set, and third party certified, please confirm this. **The specifications were identified from fire risk assessment by qualified MIFSM DIPFD FSDIP UKAS NAPFIS Certified IFSM tier 3 inspector. The works were carried out by a certified third party.**

Q2(g) Did the latest procurement of new fire door installation include within the specification, detailed drawings of the new fire doors set, to ensure their correct installation, or is that responsibility part of the contracted works? **No**

Q2(h) On your latest procurement of replacement fire doors, how were they specified? If they were specified to be installed as a fire door set with all components tested, as part of that set, and third party certified, please confirm this. **No**

Q2(i) Did the latest procurement of replacement fire doors, include within the specification, detailed drawings of the new fire doors set, to ensure their correct installation, or is that responsibility part of the contracted works? **No**

Q3(a) What fire-safety training has your "Responsible Person" undertaken, in order to enable them to fulfil the role? **Health and Safety Management Training**

Q3(b) Relating to Question 2(a) What training do officers or staff receive, to ensure they are competent to manage fire safety at their building? **Fire Safety Training Course**

Q3(c) Relating to Fire door inspection what training/certification/accreditation does your local authority require of the role (whichever applies at Q2 (b)) to ensure competency to undertake Fire door inspections? **Internal training**

Q3(d) Relating to Fire door installation what training/certification/accreditation does your local authority require of the role (whichever applies at Q2 (c)) to ensure competency to undertake Fire door installation? **MIFSM DIPFD FSIDIP UKAS NAPFIS**

Q3(e) Relating to Fire door maintenance what training/certification/accreditation does your local authority require of the role (whichever applies at Q2 (d)) to ensure competency to undertake Fire door maintenance? **Internal training**

Q3(f) What competencies training/certification/accreditation do you require for the role of Fire Risk Assessor in your local authority? Please state those that apply to inhouse roles and those that relate to external providers. **All fire risk assessments are provided externally by appropriately trained contractors to BAFF SP205.**

Q4(a) Which region of England is your local Authority in? **Cambridgeshire**

Q4(b) Which, if any, of the following would help your local authority to ensure that any person responsible for the safety and integrity of fire doors would be competent to do so. Please tick all that apply - but chose either statutory or non-statutory. *Statutory training would mean that local authorities would be mandated to undertake training based on fire-safety legislation.*

Accredited statutory training for the Local Authority Responsible Person.	
Accredited non-statutory training for the Local Authority Responsible Person.	✓
Other – please state:	
Accredited statutory training for the Local Authority building manager appointed to assist the responsible person.	
Accredited non-statutory training for the Local Authority building manager appointed to assist the responsible person.	✓
Other – please state:	
Accredited statutory training, for Local Authority fire door inspection.	
Accredited non-statutory training, for Local Authority fire door inspection	✓
Other – please state:	
Accredited statutory training, for Local Authority fire door repair and maintenance.	
Accredited non-statutory training, for Local Authority fire door repair and maintenance	✓
Other – please state:	
Please tick one only	
Accredited statutory training, for Local Authority fire door installation	
Accredited non-statutory training, for Local Authority fire door installation	

Legislation to determine that only third-party accredited installers are to install fire door sets.	✓
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Q4(c) Do you think that the following would help your local authority to ensure that any person appointed externally to undertake a Fire Risk Assessment on their behalf, is competent to do so. **Yes - agree with all the below**

Legislation to determine that all Fire Risk Assessors are held on a central register determining their competency level*:

Level 1 - Capable of completing fire risk assessments on simple/less complex buildings. Entry level assessors.

Level 2 - Competent to carry out fire risk assessments on buildings that range from simple/less complex to those that are of medium complexity and normal risk. Examination to determine competency and could be specialists in their building type.

Level 3 – Competent to carry out Fire Risk Assessments on high risk and complex buildings. Experience and competency have been examined by an independent third-party accreditation / certification scheme.

Response:

Please see responses above in red

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-422.

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