

Fire Risk Assessment

REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005



Rossett House

Responsible person (e.g. employer) or person having control of the premises

Hull City Council

Address of premises:

Hull City Council
Rossett House
Walker Street
Hull
HU3 2RD

Assessor:

Don Woodcock BSc MIFireE

Date of fire risk assessment:

17/07/2017

Date of previous fire risk assessment:

10/02/2015

Suggested date for review ¹:

01/09/2018

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment of the risk to life from fire in these premises, and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation. The report does not address the risk to property or business continuity from fire.

This assessment has been carried out to satisfy the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire) Safety Order 2005 in respect of the assessed areas only of the above-mentioned premises at the time of the assessment. It should be borne in mind however that an assessment is open to individual interpretation and as such an officer of the local fire authority may express a different view on certain aspects.

1. This fire risk assessment should be reviewed by a competent person by the date indicated above or at such earlier time as there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid, or if there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates, or if a fire occurs.

Fire Risk Level Estimator

For this premises the considered risk to life before implementing the 'Action plan' is:

Trivial Tolerable **Moderate** Substantial Intolerable

For further information on the fire risk level estimator and how this level was calculated, by using the risk based control plan grid, refer to the end of this this document.

It is considered that the following recommendations (action plan) should be implemented in order to reduce fire risk to, or maintain it at, the following level in accordance with the risk based control plan:

Trivial **Tolerable**


Action Plan

Definition of priorities (where applicable):


| PRIORITY | MEANING |
|------------------|---|
| Very High | Immediate action required. |
| High | Urgent action required to be carried out as soon as possible. |
| Medium | Medium priority to be actioned within 2 to 6 months |
| Low | Low priority to be actioned within 6 to 12 months |

*Time scales are based from the date of inspection.

Very High*

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| Action Number | 1 | Reference | 9.2 Is there an absence of unnecessary fire load in close proximity to the premises or available for ignition by outsiders? |
| <p>Refuse bins should not be kept adjacent to the building, particularly underneath a roof overhang. They should be kept at a suitable distance and ideally secured so that they cannot be moved by unauthorised persons. (The situation was brought to the attention of the caretakers at the time of the inspection).</p> | | |  |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

High*

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| Action Number | 2 | Reference | 7.11 Suitable protection of escape routes? |
| <p>The door to the meter cupboard at the bottom of the stairwell should be adjusted and fitted with a latch so that it closes against its rebate. Intumescent fire and cold smoke seals should be fitted to the edges of the door. The door should also be provided with a notice showing 'Fire Door – Keep Shut'.</p> | | |  |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

High*

Action Number

2

Reference

7.11 Suitable protection of escape routes?

Implement a survey of all flat entrance doors which open into the third floor protected corridor to determine the following:

- (i) The presence of positive action self-closing devices that will shut the doors against their rebates from any angle.
- (ii) The presence of intumescent fire and cold smoke seals in the door edge or frame.
- (iii) That the doors and transom windows are in general good condition.

Once the survey has been completed the following actions should be taken:


- (i) Positive action self-closing devices should be fitted where they are missing or ineffective.
- (ii) Intumescent fire and cold smoke seals should be fitted in the door edge or frame where necessary.
- (iii) Any defects to the integrity of the door should be made good. Missing letterbox flaps should be replaced.

The flat doors opening into the 6 storey stair should be replaced with new self-closing FD30S doors.



Action by

Date completed

| High* | | | |
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| Action Number | 3 | Reference | 7.11 Suitable protection of escape routes? |
| <p>The flat window that opens into the protected corridor should be replaced with a sealed unit with a fire resistance of at least 30 minutes.</p> | | |  |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| High* | | | |
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| Action Number | 4 | Reference | 18.1 Compartmentation of reasonable standard. |
| <p>Implement a survey of all service cupboards and fire separation between flats due to the scissor construction. The roof void should also be checked to ensure there is reasonable provision of cavity barriers.</p> | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| Medium* | | | |
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| Action Number | 5 | Reference | 8.4 Suitable arrangements for those who wish to smoke? |
| <p>Whilst it is appreciated that smoking is not allowed within the common areas of the building, it is recommended that a suitable container is provided for smokers to dispose of their cigarette ends when approaching the building.</p> | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| Medium* | | | |
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| Action Number | 6 | Reference | 26.2 Are all staff given adequate periodic "refresher training" at suitable intervals? |
| <p>Periodic refresher training for staff should be planned and carried out.</p> | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| Medium* | | | |
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| Action Number | 7 | Reference | 27.3 Monthly and annual testing routines for emergency escape lighting? |
| 27.3 Emergency escape lighting should be tested on a monthly basis. | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| Medium* | | | |
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| Action Number | 8 | Reference | 25.10 Are there adequate procedures for evacuation of any disabled people who are likely to be present? |
| 25.10 Produce personal emergency evacuation plans for persons with a relevant disability. | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

| Low* | | | |
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| Action Number | 9 | Reference | 25.9 Is there a suitable fire assembly point(s)? |
| 25.9 Provide a fire assembly point sign within the curtilage of the building. | | | |
| Action by | | Date completed | |

Section 1 - Building Information

1. The Premises

1.1 Number of floors:

1.2 Approximate floor area: m² per floor

3,300 m² gross

1.3 Brief details of construction

Traditional brick and block construction with concrete floors. Part of the block is scissor construction. Some of the ground floor flats are accessed from open air. The six storey part is essentially served by a single staircase with the flats opening directly into the staircase. There is a third floor protected corridor which has access to two staircases. There is 50mm polystyrene external insulation which is covered with non-combustible cementitious render.

1.4 Use of premises

Mix use residential flats.

1.5 Multi Occupied premises

Yes No

2. The Occupants

2.1 Approximate maximum number:

2.2 Approximate number of employees at any one time:

2.3 Maximum number of members of public at any one time:

2.4 Associated times/hours of occupation:

2.5 Maximum number of occupants in the licenced area(s):

3. Occupants Especially at Risk from Fire

3.1 Sleeping occupants:

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| | Number: | 153 |
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3.2 Disabled occupants:

| | | |
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| The flats are mixed use. There may be persons identified as having a relevant disability. | Number: | Not known |
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3.3 Occupants in remote areas and lone workers:

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| Lone workers. | Number: | 1 |
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3.4 Young persons:

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| There are a number of infants, children and young persons living on the premises | Number: | Not Known |
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3.5 Others:

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| | Number: | N/A |
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4. Fire Loss Experience

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| None Reported. |
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5. Other Relevant Information

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| Residents are encouraged to leave their flat if it is on fire and to alert their neighbours. Residents in other flats are instructed to either stay in their flat or make their way to the escape stair if they so wish. |
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6. Relevant Fire Safety Legislation

6.1 The following fire safety legislation applies to these premises

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| Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 |
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6.2 The above legislation is enforced by:

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| Humberstone Fire & Rescue Service |
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- 6.3 Other legislation that makes significant requirements for fire precautions in these premises (other than the Building Regulations 2010):

Housing Act

- 6.4 The legislation to which 6.3 makes reference is enforced by:

Hull City Council.

- 6.5 Comments:

The fire risk assessment carried out is a Type 1 common parts only (non – destructive) assessment considering the common escape routes and common areas. It also includes an examination of a sample of flat doors internally. No access was provided to the service cupboards on the 3rd floor corridor. No access was provided to the lift room.
Hull City Council have engaged an external consulting company to carry out a survey of all the cladding in all their residential properties in accordance with national government guidelines. See 18.3

Section 2 Fire Hazards and their Elimination or Control

7. Electrical Sources of Ignition

- 7.1 Reasonable measures taken to prevent fires of electrical origin? Yes No
- More specifically:
- 7.2 Fixed installation periodically inspected and tested? Yes No
- 7.3 Portable appliance testing (where appropriate) carried out? Yes No
- 7.4 Suitable policy regarding the use of personal electrical appliances? Yes No
- 7.5 Suitable limitation of trailing leads and adapters? Yes No

Comments:

7.2 (i) Mains electrical testing was carried out January 2017.

7.3: PAT testing and inspection of relevant electrical equipment is regularly carried out.

7.4 There is no control over the use of residents own electrical equipment but the charging of mobility scooters is prohibited in the common areas.

8. Smoking

8.1 Reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of smoking? Yes No

More specifically:

8.2 Smoking prohibited on the premises? Yes No

8.3 Smoking prohibited in appropriate areas? N/A Yes No

8.4 Suitable arrangements for those who wish to smoke? Yes No

8.5 This policy appeared to be observed at time of inspection? Yes No

Comments:

8.2 Smoking is prohibited in common areas, but allowed within individual flats.

8.4 There are no appropriate receptacles for disposal of cigarette ends at the entrance to the building.

9. Arson

9.1 Does basic security against arson by outsiders appear reasonable? ² Yes No

9.2 Is there an absence of unnecessary fire load in close proximity to the premises or available for ignition by outsiders? Yes No

Comments:

9.1 (i) CCTV in operation.

(ii) Doors at the entrance to the building are operated by key fobs.

9.2 Refuse bins stored adjacent to the building underneath roof overhang.

2) Reasonable only in the context of this fire risk assessment. If specific advice on security (including security against arson) is required, the advice of a security specialist should be obtained.

10. Portable Heaters and Heating Installations

10.1 Is the use of portable heaters avoided as far as practicable? Yes No

If portable heaters are used:

10.2 Is the use of the more hazardous type (e.g. radiant bar fires or LPG appliances) avoided? N/A Yes No

10.3 Are suitable measures taken to minimize the hazard of ignition of combustible materials? N/A Yes No

10.4 Are fixed heating installations subject to regular maintenance? N/A Yes No

Comments:

10.1 No portable heaters observed to be in use in common areas.

10.2 Residents are prohibited to use LPG heaters, but can use other portable heaters if they so wish.

11. Cooking

11.1 Are reasonable measures taken to prevent fires as a result of cooking? N/A Yes No

More specifically:

11.2 Filters changed and ductwork cleaned regularly? N/A Yes No

11.3 Suitable extinguishing appliances available? N/A Yes No

Comments:

No cooking facilities in common areas.

12. Lightning

- 12.1 Do the premises have a lightning protection system? Yes No

13. Housekeeping

- 13.1 Is the standard of housekeeping adequate? Yes No

More specifically:

- 13.2 Combustible materials appear to be separated from ignition sources? Yes No

- 13.3 Avoidance of unnecessary accumulation of combustible materials or waste? N/A Yes No

- 13.4 Avoidance of inappropriate storage of combustible materials? Yes No

- 13.5 Appropriate storage of hazardous materials? N/A Yes No

Comments:

13.1: Housekeeping was found to be very good throughout common areas.

13.3 The common areas are inspected regularly and any items are removed immediately. The council operates a zero tolerance policy on use of common areas by residents.

14. Hazards Introduced by Outside Contractors and Building Works

- 14.1 Are fire safety conditions imposed on outside contractors? Yes No

- 14.2 Is there satisfactory control over works carried out on the premises by outside contractors (including "hot work" permits)? Yes No

- 14.3 If there are in-house maintenance personnel, are suitable precautions taken during "hot work", including use of "hot work" permits? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Pre-Construction Health & Safety Information includes relevant information on hot works and fire safety.

15. Dangerous Substances

15.1 Are the general fire precautions adequate to address the hazards associated with dangerous substances used or stored within the premises? (Acetylene etc.) N/A Yes No

15.2 If 15.1 applies, has a specific risk assessment been carried out, as required by the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002? N/A Yes No
Comments:

None.

16. Other Significant Fire Hazards that Warrant Consideration

(Including process hazards that impact on general fire precautions)

16.1 Hazards:

N/A

Comments:

None

Section 2 - Fire Protection Measures

17. Means of Escape from Fire

- 17.1 It is considered that the premises are provided with reasonable means of escape in case of fire. Yes No
- More specifically:
- 17.2 Adequate design of escape routes? Yes No
- 17.3 Adequate provision of exits? Yes No
- 17.4 Exits easily and immediately openable where necessary? Yes No
- 17.5 Fire exits open in direction of escape where necessary? Yes No
- 17.6 Avoidance of sliding or revolving doors as fire exits where necessary? N/A Yes No
- 17.7 Satisfactory means for securing exits? Yes No
- 17.8 Reasonable distances of travel: N/A Yes No
- 17.9 Where there is a single direction of travel? N/A Yes No
- 17.10 Where there are alternative means of escape? N/A Yes No
- 17.11 Suitable protection of escape routes? N/A Yes No
- 17.12 Escape routes unobstructed? Yes No
- 17.13 It is considered that the premises are provided with reasonable arrangements for means of escape for disabled people. N/A Yes No

Comments:

17.1 Part of the building is 6 storey which is served by a single stair. Two flats discharge directly into the stairwell at each level. There is an alternative route on the 3rd floor to another staircase.

17.11 (i) On the 3rd floor is a corridor serving flats with a cross corridor doors. This area has access to two staircases.

(ii) There is a flat window opening into the corridor which is not fire resisting.

(iii) The flat doors within the block have hydraulic self-closing devices on the outside face of the door. Some were missing and some were non-functional.

(iv) Some letterbox flaps were missing from some of the flat doors.

(v) The door to the electricity meter cupboard does not close properly, has no latch or fire seals.

(vi) The fire resisting doors to the protected stairwell appear to be of FD30S standard and are fitted with overhead hydraulic self-closing devices.

(vii) There is one lift in the building serving the ground and third floor. It opens into a protected lobby.

17.13 Flats that discharge directly into the staircase are considered unsuitable for persons with a physical disability.

18. Measures to Limit Fire Spread and Development

It is considered that there is:

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| 18.1 | compartmentation of a reasonable standard ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 18.2 | Reasonable limitation of linings that might promote fire spread. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 18.3 | Limited combustibility of external insulation | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 18.4 | As far as can reasonably be ascertained, fire dampers are provided as necessary to protect critical means of escape against passage of fire, smoke and combustion products in the early stages of a fire? ^{3, 4} | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

- 18.5 Is fire spread to or from other buildings reasonable taking into account storage between buildings Yes No

Comments:

18.1 (i) The compartmentation of the building has not been reasonably determined. Due to the scissor construction, the compartmentation between the flats should be confirmed. The compartmentation in the service cupboards in the third floor corridor and the roof void should be confirmed

(ii) There is one refuse chute within the building. The refuse bin room opens to outside air and are protected by a secure door. The chute is contained within a protected shaft with permanent ventilation at each level. There are smoke stopping seals at each level.

18.2 The protected stairs and the protected corridor have class 0 surfaces.

18.3 There is 50mm polystyrene external insulation which is covered with non-combustible cementitious render. It is considered that fire should not be able to spread as long as the external render remains in good condition. The location of cavity barriers still needs to be confirmed.

3. Based on visual inspection of readily accessible areas, with a degree of sampling where appropriate.

4. Investigation of the design of HVAC systems is outside the scope of this fire risk assessment.

19. Emergency Escape Lighting

- 19.1 Reasonable standard of emergency escape lighting system provided? ⁵ N/A Yes No

Comments:

19.1: Reasonable standard of emergency lighting provided in all escape routes, stairs and common areas.

5. Based on visual inspection, but no test of illuminance levels or verification of full compliance with relevant British Standards carried out.

20. Fire Safety Signs and Notices

- 20.1 Reasonable standard of fire safety signs and notices? N/A Yes No

Comments:

20.1: (i) A reasonable standard of intermediate fire exits signs and final exit signs have been provided to indicate the escape routes.

(ii) All fire resisting doors to locked cupboards are provided with 'Fire Door – Keep Locked' signs on the outside face.

(iii) Self-closing fire resisting doors are provided with 'Fire Door – Keep Shut' signs on the both faces.

(iv) Fire action notices for residents are provided.

21. Means of Giving Warning in Case of Fire

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| 21.1 | Reasonable manually operated electrical fire alarm system provided? ⁶ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 21.2 | Automatic fire detection provided? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes (throughout premises) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes (Part of premises only) | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 21.3 | Extent of automatic fire detection generally appropriate for the occupancy and fire risk? | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 21.4 | Remote transmission of alarm signals? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

Comments:

21.1 Manually operated electrical fire alarm systems are not normally recommended for purpose built flats.

21.2: Single point smoke and heat alarms are provided within individual flats.

6. Based on visual inspection, but no audibility tests or verification of full compliance with relevant British Standard carried out.

22. Manual Fire Extinguishing Appliances

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|------|---|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|
| 22.1 | Reasonable provision of portable fire extinguishers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 22.2 | Are all fire extinguishing appliances readily accessible? | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

- 22.3 Reasonable provision of a fire blanket where required (cooking areas)? N/A Yes No
- 22.4 Hose reels provided? N/A Yes No

Comments:

22.1 (i) Portable fire extinguishing appliances are not normally provided in common escape routes.

(ii) Portable fire extinguishing appliances are provided in the boiler room and CCTV room.

23. Relevant ⁷ Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems

23.1 Type of system:

None installed.

Comments:

23.1 (i) Current government guidance does not recommend that automatic sprinklers are fitted routinely to existing high rise residential flats, the onus is on Local Authorities to decide on their provision. Given the obvious benefits in terms of life safety and property protection, it is highly recommended that consideration is given to their provision where practicable.

24. Other Relevant ⁷ Fixed Systems and Equipment

24.1 Type of fixed system:

None installed.

Comments:

None.

7. Relevant to life safety and this risk assessment (as opposed to purely for property protection)

- 24.2 Suitable provision of fire-fighters switch(es) for high voltage luminous tube signs, etc. N/A Yes No

Section 3 - Management of Fire Safety

25. Procedures and Arrangements

25.1 Fire safety is managed by:

Karl Whitehead

8. This is not intended to represent a legal interpretation of responsibility, but merely reflects the managerial arrangement in place at the time of this risk assessment.

25.2 Competent person(s) appointed to assist in undertaking the preventive and protective measures (i.e. relevant general fire precautions)?

Yes No

Comments:

25.2 (i) HFR Solutions has been engaged to carry out fire Risk Assessments.
(ii) Persons have been nominated and trained to assist in fire safety matters

25.3 Is there a suitable record of the fire safety arrangements?

Yes No

Comments:

Comprehensive details of fire safety arrangements are recorded.

25.4 Appropriate fire procedures in place?

Yes No

More specifically:

25.5 Are procedures in the event of fire appropriate and properly documented?

N/A Yes No

25.6 Are there suitable arrangements for summoning the fire and rescue service?

Yes No

25.7 Are there suitable arrangements to meet the fire and rescue service on arrival and provide relevant information, including that relating to hazards to fire-fighters?

N/A Yes No

25.8 Are there suitable arrangements for ensuring that the premises have been evacuated?

N/A Yes No

25.9 Is there a suitable fire assembly point(s)? N/A Yes No

25.10 Are there adequate procedures for evacuation of any disabled people who are likely to be present? N/A Yes No

Comments:

25.5 Each resident is provided with written details on what to do in case of fire.

25.7 Premises information boxes are provided at the entrance to the building for which the Fire Service has access.

25.9 The current evacuation policy encourages the residents to leave the premises if they feel that their safety is compromised in any way. With this in mind it would be advantageous to provide a fire assembly point sign within the curtilage of the building. This will assist the Fire Service in respect to accounting for residents. It is a requirement that staff are trained in evacuation therefore an assembly point and signage is required.

25.10 Personal emergency evacuation plans are not prepared for persons with relevant disability.

25.11 Persons nominated and trained to use fire extinguishing appliances? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Hull City Council's policy is for staff not to attempt to fight fires.

25.12 Persons nominated and trained to assist with evacuation, including evacuation of disabled people? N/A Yes No

Comments:

None.

25.13 Appropriate liaison with fire and rescue service (e.g. by fire and rescue service crews visiting for familiarization visits)? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Visits of the Fire Service take place on a regular basis.

25.14 Routine in-house inspections of fire precautions (e.g. in the course of health and safety inspections)? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Fire precautions are checked during daily inspections.

26. Training and Drills

- 26.1 Are all staff given adequate fire safety instruction and training on induction? N/A Yes No

Comments:

All staff including receive fire safety instruction on induction.

- 26.2 Are all staff given adequate periodic "refresher training" at suitable intervals? N/A Yes No

Comments:

No refresher training is carried out or planned at this time.

- 26.3 Does all staff training provide information, instruction or training on the following:
- 26.4 Fire risks in the premises? N/A Yes No
- 26.5 The fire safety measures on the premises? N/A Yes No
- 26.6 Action in the event of fire? N/A Yes No
- 26.7 Action on hearing the fire alarm signal? N/A Yes No
- 26.8 Method of operation of manual call points? N/A Yes No
- 26.9 Location and use of fire extinguishers? N/A Yes No
- 26.10 Means for summoning the fire and rescue service? N/A Yes No
- 26.11 Identity of persons nominated to assist with evacuation? N/A Yes No
- 26.12 Identity of persons nominated to use fire extinguishing appliances? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Hull City Council's policy is for staff not to attempt to fight fires.

- 26.13 Are staff with special responsibilities (e.g. fire Marshals) given additional training? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Caretakers are instructed to carry out daily checks on fire precautions and maintenance of escape routes.

- 26.14 Are fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Fire drills are not appropriate for this type of premises.

When the employees of another employer work in the premises:

- 26.15 Is their employer given appropriate information (e.g. on fire risks and general fire precautions)? N/A Yes No

- 26.16 Is it ensured that the employees are provided with adequate instructions and information? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Pre-Construction Health & Safety Information includes relevant information on fire safety.

27. Testing and Maintenance

- 27.1 Adequate maintenance of premises? Yes No

Comments:

Refer to

- 27.2 Weekly testing and periodic servicing of fire detection and alarm system? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Hull City Council check flat fire alarms on an annual basis where access is provided.
Residents are encouraged to test their smoke alarm on a weekly basis.

- 27.3 Monthly and annual testing routines for emergency escape lighting? N/A Yes No

Comments:

(i) Annual testing of the emergency lighting is carried out by in house electricians in accordance with the British Standard.

(ii) No monthly tests are carried out the emergency escape lighting.

- 27.4 Annual maintenance of fire extinguishing appliances? N/A Yes No

- 27.5 Periodic inspection of external escape staircases and gangways? N/A Yes No

Comments:

Regular inspections are carried out.

- 27.6 Six-monthly inspection and annual testing of rising mains? N/A Yes No

- 27.7 Weekly and monthly testing, six-monthly inspection and annual testing of fire-fighting lifts? N/A Yes No

- 27.8 Weekly testing and periodic inspection of sprinkler installations? N/A Yes No

Comments:

None

- 27.9 Routine checks of final exit doors and/or security fastenings? N/A Yes No

Comments:

The final exit doors are used on a daily basis.

- 27.10 Annual inspection and test of lightning protection system? N/A Yes No
- 27.11 Are suitable systems in place for reporting and subsequent restoration of safety measures that have fallen below standard? Yes No

Comments:

Procedures are in place for immediate reporting of any defects requiring attention.

- 27.12 Other relevant inspections or tests:

Comments:

None.

28. Records

Appropriate records of:

- 28.1 Fire drills? N/A Yes No
- 28.2 Fire training? N/A Yes No
- 28.3 Fire alarm tests? N/A Yes No
- 28.4 Emergency escape lighting tests? N/A Yes No
- 28.5 Maintenance and testing of other fire protection systems? N/A Yes No

Comments:

28.3 Flats that have had their fire alarms tested annually by Hull City Council are recorded.

Fire Risk Level Estimator

The following simple fire risk level estimator is based on a commonly used health and safety risk level estimator.

| Likelihood of fire | Potential consequences of fire | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Slight harm | Moderate harm | Extreme harm |
| Low | Trivial risk | Tolerable risk | Moderate risk |
| Medium | Tolerable risk | Moderate risk | Substantial risk |
| High | Moderate risk | Substantial risk | Intolerable risk |

In this context, a definition of the above fire risk level estimator is as follows:

LIKELIHOOD OF FIRE FOR THIS PREMISES:

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| Low | Unusually low likelihood of fire as a result of negligible potential sources of ignition. |
| Medium | Normal fire hazards (e.g. potential ignition sources) for this type of occupancy, with fire hazards generally subject to appropriate controls (other than minor shortcomings). |
| High | Lack of adequate controls applied to one or more significant fire hazards, such as to result in significant increase in likelihood of fire. |

Taking into account the fire prevention measures observed at the time of this risk assessment, it is considered that the hazard from fire (likelihood of fire) at these premises is:

Low **Medium** High

In this context, a definition of the above fire risk level estimator is as follows:

POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF FIRE FOR THIS PREMISES:

| | |
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| Slight harm | Outbreak of fire unlikely to result in serious injury or death of any occupant (other than an occupant sleeping in a room in which a fire occurs). |
| Moderate harm | Outbreak of fire could foreseeably result in injury (including serious injury) of one or more occupants, but it is unlikely to involve multiple fatalities. |
| Extreme harm | Significant potential for serious injury or death of one or more occupants. |

Taking in to account the nature of the premises and the occupants, as well as the fire protection and procedural arrangements observed at the time of this fire risk assessment, it is considered that the consequences for life safety in the event of fire would be:

Slight Harm Moderate Harm Extreme Harm

Accordingly, it is considered that the risk to life from fire at these premises in relation to likelihood x consequences:

Trivial Tolerable Moderate Substantial Intolerable

Comments:

The likelihood of fire is considered to be medium taking into consideration the normal type of ignition sources present that are associated with this type of premises. The numerous maintenance issues and upgrades required could result in escape routes being smoke logged, so the risk to life is considered to be moderate.

RISK BASED CONTROL PLAN – Details at the front of this report.

A suitable risk-based control plan should involve effort and urgency that is proportional to risk. The following risk-based control plan is based on one that has been advocated for general health and safety risks.

| Risk level | Action and timescale |
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| Trivial | No action is required and no detailed records need be kept. |
| Tolerable | No major additional fire precautions required. However, there might be a need for reasonably practicable improvements that involve minor or limited cost. |
| Moderate | It is essential that efforts are made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures, which should take cost into account, should be implemented within a defined time period. Where moderate risk is associated with consequences that constitute extreme harm, further assessment might be required to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the priority for improved control measures. |
| Substantial | Considerable resources might have to be allocated to reduce the risk. If the premises are unoccupied, it should not be occupied until the risk has been reduced. If the premises are occupied, urgent action should be taken. |
| Intolerable | Premises (or relevant area) should not be occupied until the risk is reduced. |

Note that, although the purpose of this section is to place the fire risk in context, the above approach to fire risk assessment is subjective and for guidance only. All hazards and deficiencies identified in this report should be addressed by implementing all recommendations contained in the action plan findings. The fire risk assessment should be reviewed regularly.