

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting to be held on 13 September 2021

FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

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Table 1 Executive Summary and Recommendations

Executive Summary

This report deals with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson incidents within the period 1 July 2021 to 31 August 2021.

In addition, Fire Protection and Business Support Information are included in the report.

Recommendation(s)

The Authority is asked to note the report.

Information

FIRE SAFETY CONVICTIONS

Prosecutions.

LFRS v Zara Hussain, Nikia Hussain & Mohammed Asik Khan

Mixed Commercial Premises, 25 Bond Street Blackpool, FY4 1BQ

Case was heard at Blackpool Magistrates Court on the 28/06/2021.

As only one of the defendants attended the case hearing the judge adjourned to allow all three defendants time to receive advanced disclosure with a view to seeking legal representation.

The case is due to be heard again at Blackpool Magistrates Court late August.

FIRE PROTECTION & BUSINESS SUPPORT INFORMATION

Risk Based Inspection programme

The Risk Based Inspection Programme is being used fully by all teams and enhanced statistical capture has been incorporated into our software system (CFRMIS) to ensure that reports accurately show where outcomes originated from in the Programme.

Concurrently, the Lancashire methodology is being used to develop a portal-based platform, which will replace the current Microsoft Excel version, thereby allowing

easier access and multiple viewers. This is based in a large part on the infrastructure used for the Business Fire Safety Check portal. It is envisaged that this portal will go live later in the year.

Protection Transformation Team

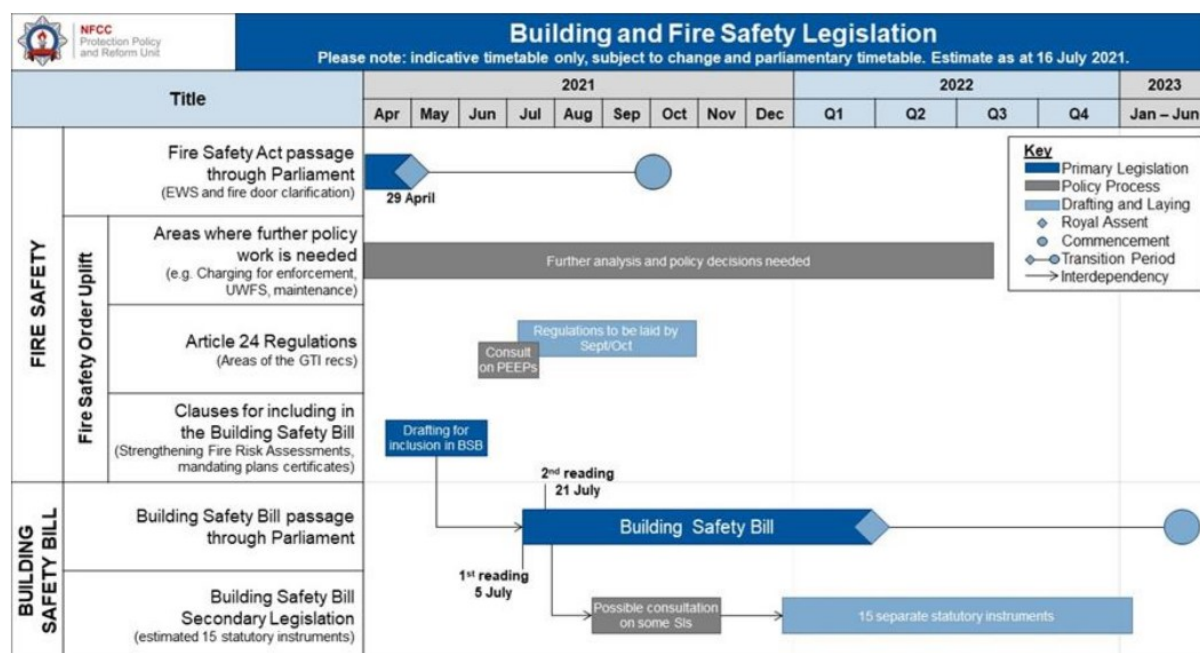
Fire Safety Bill and Building Safety Bill update

On 5 July 2021, the Building Safety Bill was introduced to Parliament with a Second Reading on 21 July. The Bill seeks to implement a series of reforms for the planning, construction and regulation of high-rise residential buildings following the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017, including the establishment of a new Building Safety Regulator.

Government's press release accompanying the introduction of the Bill can be found [here](#), and a copy of the Bill along with an overview of the stages of passage can be found on the [Parliament website](#).

Government have also published documents relating to the [Transition Plan for the Building Safety Bill](#) which Fire and Rescue Service's may also wish to review. These include an outline and visual timeline of when different parts of the regime are expected to be implemented.

Building and Fire Safety Timeline 1



Building Risk Review (BRR) update

In line with future Building Safety Bill requirements (18 meters in height or have at least 7 storeys) LFRS has 38 premises in-scope. All 38 premises have been fully audited and the current outcomes are as follows:

Audited	Full make up of External wall systems known	Awaiting External Wall System Report	Left to Audit
38	15	23	0

Satisfactory	Informal Advice	Non-Statutory Written	Enforcement
1	1	30	6

External Wall Systems (EWS)

LFRS has 31 premises at 6 floors which have also been inspected as part of the BRR programme broken down as follows: -

Audited	Full make up of External wall systems known	Awaiting External Wall System Report	Left to inspect
30	5	24	1

Satisfactory	Informal Advice	Non-Statutory Written	Enforcement
1	1	26	2

Business Fire Safety Checks (BFSC)

The first of the BFSC was undertaken by Lancaster Blue Watch on the 05/08/2021 at a local business.

The check was very successful, the crew that delivered the check were professional asking questions of the shop manager and the Protection Officer who supported the crew throughout the visit.

Further visits have been completed and the feedback from all stakeholders will be analysed and will help shape the future of the BFSC process.

ARSON RISK REDUCTION

R v John DAVIS

**8 Boundary Court, Dinmore Avenue, Blackpool
INCIDENT – 2008007454**

Date and time of call – 20/08/2020 16:48

This incident involved a fire on the top floor of a three-storey block of flats. The fire caused severe damage to the bedroom of the flat and smoke damage throughout. The defendant John DAVIS was sentenced to 9 years imprisonment, with 7 years custodial period and 2 years extended licence.

R v Adam WHITE

**150 St Annes Road, South Shore, Blackpool
INCIDENT – 2009005882**

Date and time of call – 17/09/2020 21:12

This incident involved deliberate ignition of a shed which spread to another shed and a quantity of fencing.

Adam WHITE was sentenced to a 24 month suspended sentence, 80 hours unpaid work, £156 surcharge and 30 days rehabilitation. The defendant pleaded guilty to arson and criminal damage at Preston Magistrates.

R v Anthony DICKSON

**4 Queen Street, Oswaldtwistle
INCIDENT – 2005004767**

Date and time of call – 15/05/2020 16:54

This incident involved a fire on the ground floor of a mid-terraced property resulting in severe damage to several rooms on the ground floor and smoke damage throughout. The defendant was sentenced to 4 years and 9 months imprisonment for arson reckless to whether life is endangered.

R v Rachel SHORT

**7 Ingleton House, Ingleton Drive, Lancaster
INCIDENT – 2012002655**

Date and time of call – 10/12/2020 23:38

This incident involved a fire in the front room of a property resulting in fire damage to this room and smoke throughout. The defendant pleaded guilty to arson being reckless as to whether life is endangered and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

R v Andrew WOODWARD

**16 Ball Street, Nelson
INCIDENT – 2012001634**

Date and time of call – 7/12/2020 06:33

This incident involved a number of items pushed through the letter box of a property and then ignited. The defendant pleaded guilty to arson with intent to endanger life and was sentenced to 3 years and 4 months imprisonment.

Business Risk

Moderate – Members need to be aware of prosecutions related to fire safety activity and/or arson within Lancashire to satisfy themselves that the required robust approach is being pursued.

Environmental Impact

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

HR Implications

None

Financial Implications

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Table 2 Details of any background papers

Paper:	
Date:	
Contact:	
Reason for inclusion in Part 2 if appropriate:	