

YOU SAID, WE DID

FIRE POLICY 2024

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation on our new Fire Policy. We had 34 responses from residents to our online survey about the draft policy. The feedback has been invaluable in shaping our new Fire Policy. Here is how we have responded to your suggestions:

You said

We did

“There is too much government/ red tape speak.”



We will produce an easy read summary version of the policy document that will be available for residents to access via our website or directly from a member of staff on request.



“Would have been better option for someone to have written out a one-page summary in everyday language”



We have produced a new Safety, Health and Compliance Service Standard that is available on our website. This accompanies the Fire Policy and clearly sets out what tenants can expect from SDC when we carry out our fire safety activities

“This document is quite technical and not easy for me to understand”

“I am concerned with the ‘stay put, stay safe’ element. It was this that increased the number of deaths at Grenfell. It is easy to think there will always be time and opportunity to review this during a fire. History shows us this is not always the case”.



We understand that the events at Grenfell have caused ongoing concern about fire safety and the ‘stay put’ approach, and we take this feedback very seriously. The ‘stay put’ advice used in our blocks and independent living schemes is based on professional guidance from Fire Risk Assessors. Their assessments consider the design and construction of each building, including fire-resistant compartmentation intended to prevent the spread of fire. To support this approach, we have:

- Invested significantly in fire safety improvements, including the installation of new fire doors

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- Continued a programme of compartmentation works to help contain fire and smoke
 - Ensured clear “what to do in a fire” signage is in place at all building entrances and exits
 - Carried out regular Fire Risk Assessments, which identify and address any issues such as missing or damaged signage
 - Introduced quarterly block audits by Housing Officers, which include checking that all fire safety notices remain in place and visible
 - Fire Strategies are currently being carried out on our risk areas including a review of the stay put guidance.



“I would like a telephone number or email of who to specifically contact on anything fire safety related”



Our Spring 2026 newsletter ‘Your Home Matters’ included an article on fire safety with telephone and email contact details for the team responsible for fire safety.



We have now set up a dedicated email address for our Compliance team:

tenant.healthandsafety@stroud.gov.uk

The Fire Policy for Stroud District Council sets out the fire precautions and management arrangements that SDC has put in place to ensure that the risk of fire is effectively managed and delivers compliance with all applicable fire safety legislation and industry best practice. We recognise that everyone wants to feel safe in their home, and we remain committed to maintaining and improving fire safety standards across all our properties. We will continue to review our approach in line with national guidance and best practice.

Your feedback has helped shape how we will achieve this.

Other Ways to Get Involved!

There are lots of ways for you to get involved and have real influence on the types of services we provide and the role we play in your community.

Your views matter to us and there are several ways in which you can have your say or get involved. If you would like to get involved please contact the Resident Engagement Team resident.involvement@stroud.gov.uk or call 01453 766 321. Thank you