

## Report of the Chief Executive

**MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNAL AREAS POLICY**1. Purpose of report

To seek Committee approval for a new policy that provides guidance on how the Council will manage its communal areas within its housing blocks and schemes.

2. Background

The Council has terms in its tenancy agreement that relate to the management of communal areas. Since the Grenfell Tower fire, the Council has reviewed its Policy arrangements, fire risk assessments and discussed potential hazards and areas of particular concern with its partners at Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The storage, decoration and other such personalisation or personal usage of communal areas in Council blocks and schemes will be prohibited. The Council understands that residents, particularly during the festive period, like to decorate their homes and surrounds during the festive period and the policy does make allowances for such eventualities.

3. Detail

The policy outlines the following areas

- The control of enclosed communal areas and areas that immediately surround
- How the Council manages Independent Living Scheme rooms
- How communal gardens, parking areas and other surrounding areas are managed
- How communal areas are monitored
- The actions the Council takes upon finding non-permissible items
- How communication is managed with residents

The Policy is attached as appendix 1. An Equality Impact Assessment is attached as appendix 2.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Management of Communal Areas Policy be approved.**

Background papers

Nil