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Introduction



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- Building Safety Bill
- How the new regulator will impact FRS
- Fire Safety Bill
- How are NFCC preparing for building safety reform



Draft Building Safety Bill – what are our asks?

Scope

Scope could go further, particularly for new builds, e.g. consider:

- vulnerable people;
- property as well as people.

Clarity

Need for clarity regarding:

- secondary legislation, overlapping regulations and frameworks;
- the roles and responsibilities of and interaction between Responsible Persons, Accountable Persons, Building Safety Managers.

National Framework

Requires updating.

- Fire and Rescue Authorities will face new constraints in formulating local RBIPs and managing resources;
- BSR should be required to consult Fire when formulating its strategy.



Draft Building Safety Bill

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government by Command of Her Majesty July 2020

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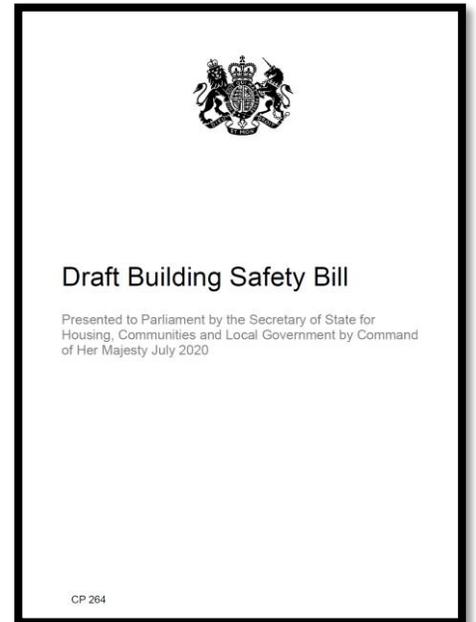
Draft Building Safety Bill – what are our asks?

Costs

- Costs to leaseholders
- How costs for serious defects can be recovered from those who design and construct those buildings

New Regulator

- Making it work
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- How the regulators will interface under the HSE



Regulator – how will this impact FRS

New Build

1. New Regulator – powers to direct FRA to assist
2. Clarity on levels of demand and the FRS role for new Gateways
3. Gateway hard stops – significant building scrutiny before move to next phase
4. Occupation only when signed off as safe

In Occupation

1. A multi-disciplined team – assurance that risks will be addressed
2. New Building Safety Managers – first port of call for residents and regulators
3. Clarity on levels of demand and FRS role for new Safety Case regime



Fire Safety Bill

The bill will amend the Fire Safety Order 2005 to clarify that the responsible person or duty-holder for multi-occupied, residential buildings must manage and reduce the risk of fire for:

- *the structure and external walls of the building, including cladding, balconies and windows*
- *entrance doors to individual flats that open into common parts*

This clarification will empower fire and rescue services to take enforcement action and hold building owners to account if they are not compliant.



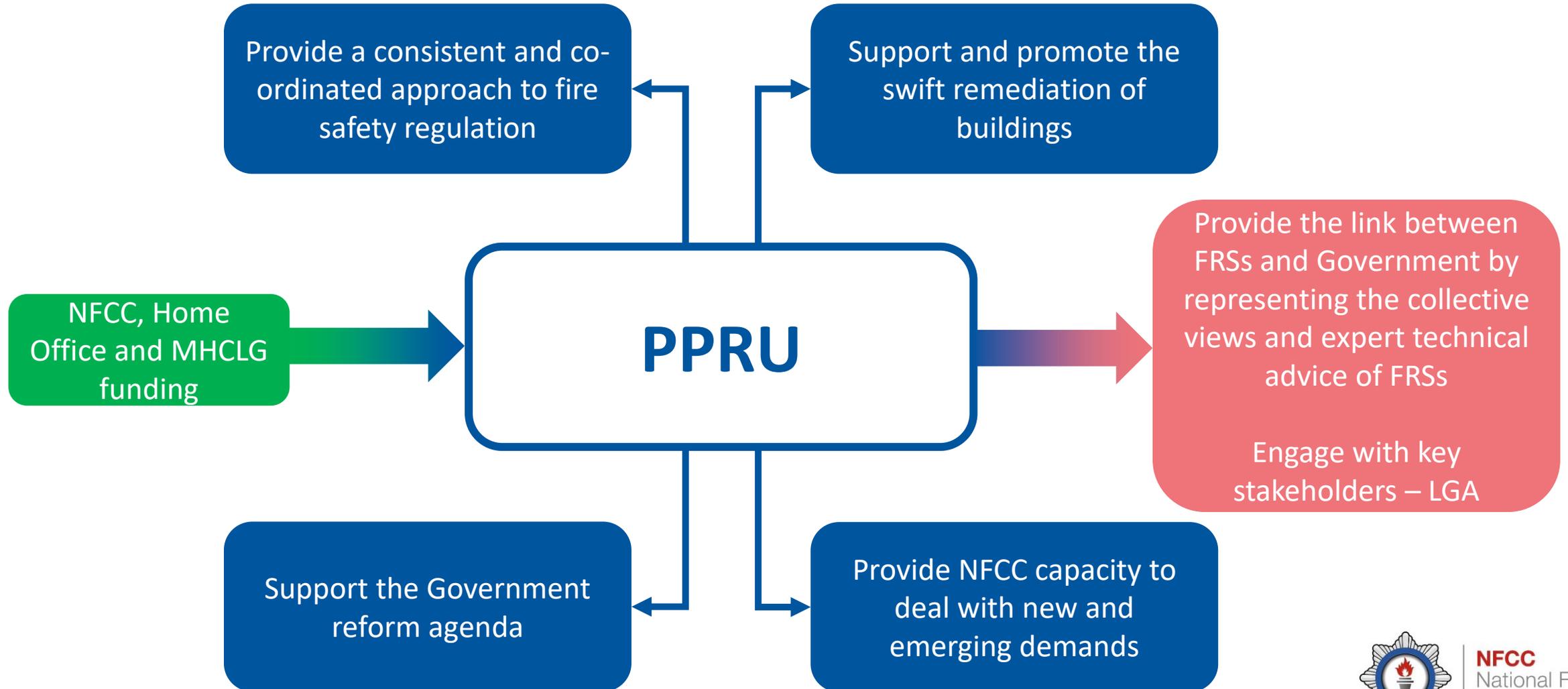
Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Guidance Note No. 1: Enforcement



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Key PPRU Activities

Liaise with FRS

First port of call for National Issues
Individual Support and Regional Dialogue
Source of Information
Building Risk Review Programme

Building Safety Regulator

MHCLG and the Shadow Regulator (HSE)
Joint Regulators Group
Policy Design Trials
Competency Frameworks

Remediation

Peer Reviews and Support for FRSs
Expert Panel
Join Inspection Team - LGA
Protection Board – LGA, HO, CLG, HSE

Consultation Responses

Central Government
Technical Expertise
British Standards
Lift FRS Engagement

Representation & Engagement

FRS Positions at a National Level
Support for Media Queries and Public Correspondence
LGA Building Safety
External Stakeholders and Forums

New Legislation

Building Safety Bill
Fire Safety Order Clarification
FRS Impacts
Represent FRS Responses

PPRU



Building Safety Reform

What are we calling for?

- Whole-system reform and culture change
- Wider scope for building safety regime
- Clarity where legislation overlaps
- An end to clients choosing their own building control body
- Reform of non-worsening provisions



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What else are we calling for?

- Competency through the supply and build chain
- Serious defect costs don't fall solely to leaseholders
- Better fire safety building regulations
- Greater use of AWSS & Sprinklers
- Better product testing regime



Our action to date

What have we achieved so far?

- ACM coordination
- Expert Panel advice and support
- Competency Framework changes
- Input to Fire Safety and Building Safety Bills
- Simultaneous Evacuation Guidance
- Widening scope of 'high risk' residential buildings - 30m to 18m
- New Build residential buildings 11m+ = Sprinklers





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