

Plenary 1

Asset Management – what happens next

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The politics: Javid's 2017 speech

“In one of the richest, most privileged corners of the UK – the world, even – would a fire like this have happened in a privately owned block of luxury flats?”

If you believe that the answer is no, even if you think it was simply less likely, then it's clear that we need a fundamental rethink of social housing in this country.”



Fire safety: next steps



The quality of homes

- The new build dilemma
- Homes fit for Human Habitation Act – into force with existing tenancies from March 2020
- Decent Homes 2?



Climate emergency

- More than 250 councils in UK have now declared a climate emergency – now looking for solutions
- Housing associations starting to prioritise climate change in their business plans and strategies – and on funders' agenda
- Have we learned from the mistakes of the last decade?