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**TITLE / CATEGORY:** Fire Safety

### REQUEST

- Have Tyne & Wear given or been approached for Fire Safety advice by Home Group Ltd in direct relation to Riverside Place Block of Flats, St John's Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 1FQ.
- If the answer is yes, please can you provide a copy of information/advice given and the original request or questions asked
- Have you been asked for advice on Decantation of Flats due to Fire Risk by Home Group Ltd – specifically at Riverside Place Block of Flats?
- If you did not advise on Decanting the building of all the residents from their homes – what advice was given?
- Tyne & Wear Fire Service were in attendance at a meeting on 24/03/2021 with Home Group Ltd in relation to Riverside Place Block of Flats – Please provide meeting minutes and any photos taken – it does state photos were taken.
- Another meeting took place in December 2020 with Home Group Ltd and Tyne & Wear Fire Service – please confirm if you attended this meeting and if you did please provide meeting minutes taken
- Following receipt of any Fire Safety Reports (EWS1/General Fire Risk Ass, Type 4 & intrusive survey and associated reports) (Please provide copies of), actions and decisions were taken – please can you share any information you have around this and what actions were agreed next – if you have meeting minutes or emails relating to this please provide copies.
- Did you give any advice on cladding materials or external walls in relation to Riverside Place Block of Flats?
- Can you advise who instructed Home Group Ltd to use a waking watch & Fire Alarm installation in April/May 2021?
- Have Home Group Ltd sought an additional Fire Safety advice from you since decanting the residents in June 2021? If so what advice was given please?

Any printed documents are considered uncontrolled.



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### RESPONSE

1. TWFRS does have a Primary Authority Partnership with Homegroup.
2. Answers below as requested.
3. Our records indicate that Home Group did contact us regarding this premises
4. No record of any advice given regarding this premises
5. No record of advice given or an approach received
6. No record of any advice given
7. Tyne and Wear FRS kept no minutes for this meeting
8. No record of attendance or minutes.
9. No record of meeting minutes or e-mails at the time. The risk assessment belongs to Homegroup and not TWFRS.
10. No record of any advice given.
11. No record of any advice given at the time.
12. No record of any advice sought from the Home Group in relation to Riverside Place since June 2021.

