Meeting of the Group Audit and Risk Committee

4.00 - 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 in MS Teams

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Date of next meeting 4.00 pm on Tuesday, 5 October 2021

Members: Duncan Brown (Chair), John Cole, Mark Lemmon and Rob Orr

Apologies: David Phoenix

In attendance: Natalie Ferer, Peter Fidler, Richard Flatman, Kerry Johnson, Deborah Johnston, Nicole

Louis, James Stevenson, Fleur Nieboer, Jessie Spencer, Ruth Ireland and Gemma

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| Paper title: | Fire Door Audit Update |
| Board/Committee: | Group Audit and Risk Committee |
| Date of meeting: | 15 June 2021 |
| Author(s): | Ed Spacey, Director of Group Assurance |
| Sponsor(s): | Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Chief Business Officer James Stevenson, Group Secretary |
| Purpose: | To provide an update on actions being taken to address the Fire Door Audit |
| Recommendation: | The committee is requested to endorse all necessary measures to protect life safety and the need to have a robust prioritised action plan of works. |

Executive summary

Due to an increasing trend of fire door maintenance issues being raised in fire risk assessments over the last 2 years, a more in-depth specialist fire door audit was commissioned to investigate further.

As results were received for more and more LSBU buildings, the extent of the number of remedial works became evident. Halls of Residence also require significant works and this is a priority.

Estates and Academic Environment has been continuously working on resolution, including letting a tender via an approved procurement framework. The Executive are actively monitoring all progress.

This document is to advise GARC of a current forecast of £1.3m of expenditure to resolve LSBU buildings. Executive has agreed the need to progress as essential for protecting life safety. A prioritised action plan will be submitted to Executive on 16 June. There will also be a communications plan for this project.

In the tender specification, works aim to be completed by September and the start of the new academic year.

Ongoing mitigation measures currently include Halls of Residence operating at minimal occupancy, a programme of enhanced fire drills across campus, low occupancy of teaching buildings, and notification to Insurers. Mitigation will be continuously reviewed.

The Fire Door Audit has been expanded from LSBU to all Group Buildings and results are awaited.

