

NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on: 13 July 2022

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

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| Proposer: | STEF NELSON | S Nelson |
| Seconder: | PHIL HARRIS. | Phil Harris |

SPRINKLERS SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE

This Council commends the Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service in its continuing efforts to save lives and believes it to be an exemplar in driving policy that requires the installation of all buildings to have sprinklers, whether they be in new built or retrospective fitting.

Sprinklers are proven to provide an effective first response to fire in buildings and play a vital role in saving lives. There have been no recorded fire deaths in a building fitted with correctly installed and maintained residential sprinklers.

Halton Council takes the view that legislative change is required to national planning and building policy in order to ensure that the installation of sprinklers is undertaken in every new premises, and in high-risk premises that would benefit from retrofitting sprinklers. We oppose current moves that would weaken the requirement to have sprinkler provision in schools (Building Bulletin 100).

This Council resolves:

To explore local policy options for Halton to promote and ensure sprinkler inclusion locally in all new build premises, whether they be Council owned or not, and to explore options to retrofit systems where possible.

To write to the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and local Members of Parliament to promote changes to the law to require sprinklers in all new built premises. Furthermore, Council seeks that local authorities be awarded grant funding to support the retrofitting of sprinklers in all public buildings.

To write to the Secretary of State for the Department for Education, to strongly condemn the proposed removal of sprinkler provisions from the revision of the design guide for fire safety in schools (Building Bulletin 100) and to request

that the requirement for sprinklers in all schools are strengthened rather than removed.
