

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: REV-17-0887 - Fire Alarms
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for review of 20 July 2017 on the basis that you had yet to receive a response. Please accept our sincerest apologies that Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has failed to respond to your information request of 20 June 2017, made under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Upon investigation it has been found that the delay was caused by administrative issues that could not have been foreseen.

In accordance with Regulation 16(5) of EIRs, please find below the response to your information request, which comprises the Review Outcome:

Question 1 - Whether each high rise tower block owned or operated by you has a working fire alarm in place within each flat?

Aberdeen City Council has a total of 3,879 flats within the multi storey blocks and all, apart from 47, have been fitted with mains powered smoke detectors. These 47 have battery-operated alarms which are due to be replaced by mains powered.

We cannot comment on privately owned properties. Where battery operated smoke detectors are present it is the responsibility of the tenant to ensure batteries are replaced when necessary.

Question 2 - Whether each high rise tower block owned or operated by you has a working fire alarm in place within communal areas?

Yes.

Question 3 - Whether the fire alarms at each high rise tower block owned or operated by you are hard-wired, whether in individual flats or communal areas?

See answer to (a) above.

Aberdeen City Council's policy is to fit hard wired smoke detectors in all of its housing stock.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request for an internal review, you can apply directly to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) for a decision. Generally, OSIC cannot make a decision unless you have been through the ACC's review procedure. To

make an application to OSIC, please write or email OSIC at:

The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
www.itspublicknowledge.info

An application to OSIC must be made in writing within six months of receipt of ACC's Review Decision Notice. When applying to OSIC for a decision you should give your name and address for correspondence. Please note that OSIC will not be able to investigate if you have not used your real name to make your information request. You must also specify:

- which request for information your requirement for review relates to
- the reason that you asked ACC to carry out a review of your request
- the reason why you are not satisfied with ACC's review outcome decision

The Commissioner will contact ACC and invite its comments on your application. Thereafter (if no settlement has meantime been reached), the Commissioner must reach a decision within 4 months of receiving your application, or within such other period as is reasonable. You will receive written notice of the outcome of the Commissioner's decision.

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only. Any such appeal must be made within 42 days after the date of the decision has been issued.

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