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# Federation News

## Busy Forum

Over 30 members attended the January virtual Forum meeting to hear about the Federation's plans for organisational development that aims to create a sustainable operating model to lead a national approach to fire safety.

Steve McGuirk outlined why the Federation is uniquely placed to fulfil a role as the system enabler, facilitator, and coordinator to bring the key players in several sectors together.

The Federation's organisational development plan includes an expanded board with wider industry sector representation will be backed by a move to charitable status to ensure strong governance and independence and augment the Federation's position as a trusted, national independent organisation.

For any members who were unable to attend the Forum, the minutes, along with a Q&A is available on Basecamp.

## Meeting Dates

The following dates for member events are confirmed:

**AGM** – May 1<sup>st</sup> NEC Birmingham  
(fire Safety Event)

### Forums:

1<sup>st</sup> August (virtual)

23<sup>rd</sup> October, London.

## Conference Date '24

This year's Fire Conference 24 will take place again at the IET: savoy Place in London on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Early bird tickets are on sale [here](#) with the usual £50 discount for Federation members. Details on speakers will be released in due course.



## E-bike Guidance



The Government has published guidance (available [here](#)) on how to safely purchase an e-cycle or e-

scooter, ensure it meets manufacturing requirements and is only bought from reputable sellers.

The documents also cover safe storage and charging, the warning signs for fire risk and how to address them, and how to dispose of batteries

## Housing Minister asked for Clarity

The chair of the Levelling Up, Housing & Communities Committee, Clive Betts, has written to housing minister Lee Rowley asking for 'clarity on timeline' for the long-awaited government response to the construction product testing review. The letter is available to members in Basecamp.

# CIC Competence Report



The Construction Industry Council has published a new report from the Competence Steering Group (CSG). The report, A

*Higher Bar – Achieving a Competence-led Built Environment*, sets out the significant steps being made across the built environment and fire sectors in improving skills, knowledge, and behaviours to drive culture change and improve the safety of buildings.

Working Group 4, which included several FSDF members and was chaired by the Federation's Director of Competency, Dennis Davis, was a fully contributing member throughout the CSG's work.

The report is available to members in Basecamp.

## Sector Events 2024

**NFCC Spring Conference:** 22-23 April

**Fire Sprinkler International:** 24-25 April

**Fire Safety Event:** 30 April - 2 May

**Fire Conference:** 24 October

**Emergency Services Show:** 18-19 December

**FIREX:** 2-4 December

# BS9792 Consultation

BSI has published BS 9792 Fire risk assessment – Housing – code of



practice which is open for comment until 25th March and available [here](#).

This British Standard gives recommendations and corresponding examples of documentation for undertaking, and recording the findings of, fire risk assessments (FRAs) in housing premises and parts of housing premises. This British Standard is applicable to:

a) houses in multiple occupation; b) blocks of flats or maisonettes (both purpose-built blocks and houses converted to flats); and c) specialised housing.

## FRA Home Office Industry Group

Home Office is establishing an Industry Engagement Group (IEG) where policy and plans for implementation of Section 156 (4) of the Building Act can be tested with members of the wider sector.

The first meeting is on being held virtually on 19 February from 1400 to 1600 and we welcome any one who has interest in fire risk assessor policy including insurance sector so do email [colin.coxon@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:colin.coxon@homeoffice.gov.uk) for details

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