

Confederation News

New Era as a Confederation

The name change to Fire Sector Confederation has now been implemented and is a key part of the strategy to grow the organisation and move forward our plans to bring together all the relevant parties in the sector to deliver a meaningful and measurable strategic approach to UK fire safety.

In the coming weeks, members will see our Special Interest Networks being established and getting on with the challenge of looking at specific areas of interest to identify the most effective solutions. The insight from these groups, for which participation will be open to all members, will inform our Fire Safety Strategy Board and ultimately drive the agenda for the Fire Congress.

Plans for the Fire Congress are advancing well with strong support from across the sector and government. It is anticipated that the first Congress will meet in the early summer. In the meantime, our engagement with government is ongoing through regular discussions and we have now agreed a monthly update meeting with officials in MHCLG.

Our new digital hub will go live imminently, creating a knowledge base for the information and insight developed by Special Interest Networks, as well as a platform for collaboration and debate.

Members will be updated by email and newsletters as this work evolves over the coming weeks.



AGM

This year's AGM will take place at the NEC Birmingham from 12:00-14:00 on 8th April in Hall 4 Organiser room 4-8 a and b (the same location as last year) to coincide with the Fire Safety Event.

It will be an opportunity for members to hear plans for the formal transition to charitable status and the proposed new organisational and governance structures.

The meeting will be followed by a light buffet networking lunch. To help with catering plans, please confirm your attendance in advance advising

Conference Date

The date for this year's FIRE Conference has been confirmed as 13th November and the event will move back to the QE2 conference centre in Westminster. More details of the programme and member discounts will be published soon.



RSH Fire Safety Report



The Regulator for Social Housing has published the findings from its latest quarterly survey on fire safety

on 11 metre plus buildings in the social housing sector. Full details are available [here](#).

Building Safety Levy Delayed

As part of the Remediation Acceleration Plan published in December 2024, the government announced its intention to launch the Building Safety Levy in Autumn 2025. It has now determined that the levy will come into effect in Autumn 2026, with the levy regulations to be laid in Parliament later this year.

The intention is to give all local government, the Building Safety Regulator, Registered Building Control approvers around 18 months to prepare for the levy; and housing developers who will pay the levy around 18 months to factor levy cost into their financial planning. More details are available [here](#).

Lithium-ion Batteries

CROSS UK recently released a new Topic Paper that delves into the fire and explosion hazards linked to lithium-ion batteries in the built environment.

Drawing on publicly available guidance, research, and confidential reporting from the UK, the paper outlines the risks posed by these widely used batteries. The report is available [here](#).

Transport For London has also banned non folding e-bikes on its services.

Member Diary Dates

AGM - April 8th, NEC Birmingham

Member Forums:

August 20th (virtual)

November 6th (virtual)

SECTOR EVENTS

Fire Sprinkler International: 2-3 April

Fire Safety Event: 8-10 April 2025

SFPE European Conference on Fire Safety Engineering: 9-10 April

Emergency Services Show: 17-18 September 2025

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