

Title of Report:	Safer Select Committee
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2011

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Safer Select Committee.

Recommended Action: To note for information.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Safer Select Committee has not met since the report made at the last OSMC meeting.

2. Installation of Automatic Fire Suppression Systems

- 2.1 The Select Committee's report was presented at the Executive meeting on 13 January 2011. The Executive endorsed all the recommendations, listed below for reference:

- (1) The Head of Property and Public Protection develop a policy in relation to the installation of automatic fire suppression systems in all new buildings and buildings undergoing major refurbishment within the Council's property portfolio.
- (2) The basis of establishing the need to install automatic fire suppression systems is to be a fire risk assessment, the same or similar to that currently used for school projects. The risk assessment process should include the ability to recognise the comparative savings that would be achievable with the installation of such a system, for example through altered building design or the use of different materials.
- (3) The policy is to indicate an assumption that automatic fire suppression systems will be installed unless the completed risk assessment provides sufficient argument against.
- (4) The policy is to state that consideration be given early in the design stages of a project as to where the components of an automatic fire suppression system would be located in order to reduce installation costs.
- (5) Further discussion be held with the Council's property insurers with the aim of achieving further savings.

3. Work Programme

- 3.1 There are no new items proposed for the Select Committee 's work programme at this time.

Appendices

There are no Appendices to this report.