

CHIC Launches Fire & Building Safety Framework to enhance member support and compliance

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CHIC, a leading asset management and procurement consortium, has announced the launch of its comprehensive Fire & Building Safety Framework. Designed to meet the evolving needs of its members, this framework provides a robust, compliant route to market for fire safety installations, servicing, maintenance and consultancy services.

Developed in close collaboration with members, consultants and contractors, this new framework aims to enhance fire safety compliance across diverse building types whilst encouraging innovation and efficiency. With a strong focus on flexibility, sustainability and collaborative outcomes, the framework aligns with key legislative requirements, including the Building Safety Act 2022.

A Three Lot Approach

The Fire & Safety Framework is structured into three distinct lots, each addressing critical areas of fire safety with specific workstream categories:

- Lot 1: Fire Safety Installation and Replacement Lot 1 offers members access to a broad range of suppliers for both active and passive fire protection systems, as well as fire suppression installations. The scope includes fire door sets, compartmentation, cladding, signage and advanced electrical installations such as alarms and emergency lighting. Members can choose between specialists or multi-disciplinary providers to suit their project needs.
- Lot 2: Fire Servicing and Maintenance Lot 2 ensures the ongoing functionality and compliance of fire

safety systems. It includes responsive maintenance of fire doors, suppression systems and electrical fire safety installations. Additional services include the maintenance of fire extinguishers, smoke curtains and access control systems.

· Lot 3: Fire Consultancy and Management Lot 3 focuses on fire safety strategy and compliance. Services include fire risk assessments, building safety case development and cladding and façade engineering consultancy. Members can also access solutions for fire door inspections and waking watch services to ensure the highest safety standards are upheld.

Designed to Support Strategic Asset Management for Registered Providers

Fire safety is a critical component of a comprehensive strategic asset management approach for Registered Providers. Ensuring robust fire safety measures not only protects residents but also underpins the long-term sustainability and compliance of building assets.

This framework provides an integrated solution, supporting members in meeting their regulatory obligations, enhancing building safety and supporting proactive risk management.

Luke Hurd, CHIC's Chief Operating Officer, said: "This framework reflects CHIC's commitment to helping our members achieve compliance while ensuring safety, innovation and efficiency. By providing access to a wide range of trusted suppliers, we aim to support the sector in navigating complex fire safety challenges with confidence."

Members can procure services through mini-tenders or direct awards, subject to an approved business case, ensuring flexibility and efficiency in meeting their specific requirements

A full list of appointed suppliers and additional details about CHIC's Fire Safety Framework can be found on the CHIC website at www.chicltd.co.uk.