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The Federation of Private Residents Association

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Dear Bob Smytherman,

I wanted to write directly to members of your group to make you aware of a new support scheme for leaseholders that has been launched this week. The scheme is for those facing significant financial hardship as a result of fire safety issues in high and medium rise residential buildings.

The Leaseholder Support Scheme will provide tailored, independent advice to leaseholders in affected homes. It is targeted at leaseholders who are owner occupiers and those who have become displaced residents in the first instance. However, we will be keeping our criteria under review so that we can ensure that the scheme can be accessed by those who need it most.

All leaseholders eligible for this scheme will receive advice from an Independent Financial Adviser, with the costs fully covered by the Welsh Government.

The advice will support the leaseholder in making the right choices for them and their individual circumstances. If the sale of their property is the right route, the Welsh Government will enable them to sell their property at a fair market value, and either rent it back, or move on to a new home. In all cases, we want to make sure that whatever action is taken, it must be the right solution for the household.

Full guidance on the scheme, including the eligibility criteria, is available on the [Welsh Government website](#).

The Leaseholder Support Scheme is just one element of the action I am taking in respect of building safety, and I maintain my position that leaseholders should not be made to pay for fire safety issues that are not of their own making. The programme of reforms and work being carried out through the Welsh Building Safety Programme is being put in place to address historical issues and to ensure that our buildings are as safe as possible from the outset.

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