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Dear Resident,

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) continues to focus on rehousing as a priority. They are securing 300 homes by Christmas for families from Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk, and these are being communicated through their website and other channels. They have also told us that they will support you in finding temporary homes in the private rented sector if you prefer, and you can speak with their housing officers about this.

The Tenant Management Organisation

As you are likely aware, the Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation no longer manages the Lancaster West Estate. RBKC is working to determine the future management options for all its housing, and want to start a full consultation with communities as soon as possible. All options will be carefully considered. It is important to note now – and to remember going forward – that no future options will detract from the scope of either the criminal investigation or the Public Inquiry. The organisation will still be cooperating fully.

It is important to us that social housing is managed effectively for residents, both in the short and long term. To this end, we will continue to work with RBKC as needed to ensure this happens.

Support available

Earlier this week, Minister Hurd and the Minister for Care and Mental Health Jackie Doyle-Price, co-chaired a meeting with colleagues from across the public sector who specialise in health and social care. This was to understand your needs, now and in the future, and to help ensure that the specific support on offer is targeted in a way

that works for you all. He relayed concerns that some of you have raised with him and we are both reassured that your requests are being taken seriously.

We both want to ensure you all have access to the right support as quickly as possible and would like to remind you that the discretionary fund set aside for the households whose home has been destroyed remains open. If you are yet to gain access to these funds, you can find out more information by speaking to Care for Grenfell, staff at the community assistance centre on Bard Road, or by visiting gov.uk:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/details-of-grenfell-tower-residents-discretionary-fund>

The tower site and surrounding area

Last week, Minister Hurd and Michael Lockwood met with some of you in the ongoing conversations about the future of the site. As we have said before, all decisions will be made in collaboration with you and we continue to meet with those of you who wish to be involved and ensure your views are listened to throughout this process.

Some of you may have heard that Michael – who has been leading this work – is leaving his role in local government. We are working closely with him, London Resilience Forum and London Councils to ensure a suitable replacement is found. We are working quickly on this to allow for a slow and managed handover between Michael and the new lead. We will let you know as soon as we have progressed this and can introduce you to the new lead on this important work.

The independent Recovery Taskforce

As many of you will know, the independent Recovery Taskforce members have been supporting RBKC to develop and implement a long term recovery plan. This has included providing assurance to the Secretary of State that the council has the capacity and capability to deliver.

As planned, they submitted their initial report to the Secretary of State yesterday. The Secretary of State is considering it and plans to respond in full to Parliament next week. We will circulate both the report, and the response then.

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