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Our existing contract with the on-site contractor for Grenfell Tower will expire in June 2021. We need to re-procure the contract due to government rules and guidance on spending public money. It is a standard process and is part of the government's role in keeping the site safe.

We have just begun (the week of 7 December) inviting bids from potential companies to carry out some of the [safety and day-to-day maintenance works](#) on the Grenfell Tower site. We know that this will be of interest to some of the community and we want to explain how we'll approach this, as well as the ways you can be involved if you would like to be.

What does the principal contractor do?

They carry out a range of on-site activities to keep the Tower and the immediate surrounding site safe and secure. These include:

- Monitoring of the Tower and the site 24 hours a day
- Planned safety works, including the removal of heavy, damaged items and asbestos from the Tower
- Installing new 'props' (aluminium, weight-bearing supports) to supplement those that were installed shortly after the fire.

Involving the community

We understand that this procurement is more than a technical process, and that site maintenance has a considerable local impact. We want to involve the community in the procurement process. So far, we have:

- Invited community members to join a group to be involved in the procurement process.
- Asked the group to help us shape the community engagement and social value elements of the 'invitation to tender' document, and which a potential contractor would need to respond to as part of their bid. This could include, for example, how they would bring benefits for the community, such as employment training and volunteering hours.
- Asked the group for concerns and other issues that the 'invitation to tender' document should reflect.
- We will also ask the group for their views on social value within potential contractor bids once received by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

If you would like to join this group, please contact us using the details at the end of this document.

How will we approach the appointment of a contractor?

We will follow an 'open competition' approach. This means that a wide range of organisations, including the current contractor, will be able to bid for the work. The appointment process will take around five months and will ensure we have a contractor in place, once our agreement with the current contractor ends next summer.

The appointment of any contractor will follow the usual robust government processes and checks, including thorough due diligence, to ensure no previous relationship to the refurbishment of Grenfell Tower.

We will continue to provide you with information about the ongoing planned safety works in the Tower, and the role of the contractor in carrying out those works. We will also continue to consult closely with the police and the Inquiry so that works are not interfering with the path to justice.

Does this relate to upcoming decision-making about the future of the Tower?

The health and safety of the community is our priority. Carrying out our planned programme of safety works will maintain the Tower's stability and these works are needed whatever the future of the Tower. A decision has not been made about what will happen to the Tower.

What are the next steps?

- Week beginning 7 December 2020: contract notice, pre-qualification and invitation to tender document is published
- March 2021: potential suppliers give a presentation to interested members of the community
- May 2021: the new contract is awarded.

How to get in touch or find more information

We are available to talk to you and to answer any questions you might have, including how you can be involved in the process by joining the community group mentioned above.

- Email GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk or phone **0303 444 0011**

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