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Dear Taskforce members,

Grenfell Recovery Taskforce

Thank you for your report of the 31 October on the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). I am grateful for your hard work over the past three months in supporting and challenging RBKC.

Your report is thought provoking and I have taken the time to consider it carefully. I fully endorse the recommendations you have made.

Over the next period, I would like you to continue to work with RBKC to monitor implementation of the recommendations and to look in more detail at the frontline impacts of the changes being made.

The themes you have identified are helpful. Recovery from the Grenfell disaster is a significant challenge to RBKC and, as you have recognised, the culture in the Council before the fire has made its recovery task more difficult. You have recognised the commitment of the new leadership in the Council. With your support in implementing the recommendations, I expect to see significant improvement.

You have recommended that I reduce the frequency of Inter-Ministerial Group meetings on Grenfell Recovery, from their current weekly pattern, which I will take forward.

I would like to receive a further report by end of February 2018, but please do not

hesitate to draw any matters you wish to my attention before then.

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