

Grenfell Recovery Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Description of Role and Functions

Purpose

The independent Grenfell Recovery Taskforce has been set up as a non-statutory intervention to make sure that the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council is able to deal with the long-term recovery from the Grenfell Tower fire. It is independent from but will be based within the Council. It will help the Council drive the recovery following the Grenfell Tower fire and provide assurance to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Functions and remit of the Taskforce

The Taskforce will support the Council to put in place the capacity, capability, and governance to deliver recovery. The remit of the Taskforce includes:

- **HOUSING:** ensuring that Council Housing management and services across the borough are on a sound footing to support the re-housing of survivors; addressing weaknesses in the Tenant Management Organisation
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** ensuring there is effective and timely engagement with the community from the Council about their plans for recovery
- **CROSS CUTTING SUPPORT:** making sure that the Council has the right arrangements in place to provide intensive cross cutting support to those affected by the fire
- **GOVERNANCE:** making sure that governance arrangements across the Council are appropriate to deal with the on-going challenge that recovery will present
- **THE SITE:** ensuring that a long term plan for the site is in place that has been developed with central Government, the Greater London Authority and above all the community.

Relationship to the Council

The Taskforce will:

- act as a sounding board and help drive the Council as they develop and implement their recovery plans
- advise, scrutinise and where necessary challenge all Council recovery plans

- help the Council to galvanise the local government sector nationally to support and work with them on recovery
- provide assurance to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that the Council is able to deliver recovery
- engage with survivors and the local community about the longer term recovery alongside the Council.

The Taskforce is not responsible for the delivery of the recovery operation itself. It will support the Chief Executive and Leader to help drive the recovery effort. The Taskforce cannot make decisions on behalf of the Council.

Assurance to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

The Taskforce will report regularly to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the reports will be published. The first report will be expected in the autumn.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council

The Council is still responsible for delivering all the services expected of a local authority. Delivery of the long-term recovery remains the responsibility of the Council. We expect the Council to work with the Taskforce on all decisions relating to recovery.

The Council will also think about how it can best use the Taskforce to galvanise the recovery effort.

The Chief Executive of the Council, Barry Quirk, retains all the responsibilities of a Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service including those of resource allocation.

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