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Our existing contract with the on-site contractor for Grenfell Tower will expire in July 2024.

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 tower and site safe and secure.

We have just begun (24 November) inviting bids from companies to carry out security 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 how 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 the tower and site 24 hours a day
- Tower maintenance works including annual rewrapping of the tower
- Regular checks of the props (metal supports) in the tower, the hoardings and gates, lighting, alarms, and security system

They also provide 'social value' opportunities for the community such as employment, training, and practical support.

### Involving the community

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

There will be opportunities to join a series of community meetings to:

- Learn more about the principal contractor procurement
- Find out about the social value they can bring to the community
- Attend the bidders' presentations, give feedback and ask questions

- Meet the winning bidder when appointed

You can find out more by contacting us using the details at the end of this update.

### **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 that we have a contractor in place, once our agreement with the current contractor ends next summer.

The appointment of the 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.

### **Does this relate to the future of Grenfell Tower?**

We know how important and sensitive a decision on Grenfell Tower is, and a decision about the future of the tower has not yet been taken. We are continuing to talk to bereaved families, survivors and residents to understand their views.

The health and safety of the community is our priority. Carrying out our planned programme of maintenance will continue to maintain the tower until a decision is made on its future.

### **What are the next steps?**

- 24 November – contract notice, pre-qualification and invitation to tender document published
- January 2024 – community information meeting on the procurement process
- Early February 2024 – community feedback session
- Late February 2024 – bidders give a presentation to interested members of the community with opportunities for community feedback
- April/May 2024 – new contract is awarded
- April/May 2024 – community meeting with winning bidder

### **How to get in touch or for more information**

We are available to talk to you and to answer any questions you may have, including how you can be involved in the process. You can contact us by:

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