



Department for Levelling Up,  
Housing & Communities

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**

*Secretary of State for Levelling up Housing &  
Communities*

*Minister for Intergovernmental Relations*

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

Jonny Petrie  
Chief Executive  
Ulster Rugby  
By email: [jonny.petrie@ulsterrugby.com](mailto:jonny.petrie@ulsterrugby.com)

17 January 2024

Dear Jonny,

I welcome your decision to end Ulster Rugby's long-standing relationship with Kingspan.

The witness testimony heard by the Grenfell Inquiry included a wealth of evidence that demonstrated a culture of reckless and deceptive behaviour from Kingspan employees. Notwithstanding this overwhelming testimony, Kingspan has done nothing to contribute financially to the remediation costs required to fix unsafe buildings.

I hope your action prompts others to reflect whether Kingspan's conduct demonstrates values with which they wish to be associated.

This decision should be a stark reminder to Kingspan that there are fiscal, commercial, and reputational consequences for their continued failure to do the right thing by acknowledging their role in the proliferation of unsafe buildings. That blight is taking a great deal of time and money, including from British taxpayers, to address. Kingspan and others in a similar position will be a continuing focus for my department until they have made satisfactory redress.

I wish Ulster Rugby success in finding sponsors which share values appropriate for a valued community club like yours.

With every good wish,

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**

Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities  
Minister for Intergovernmental Relations