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Grenfell Recovery Taskforce

Thank you for your report of 16 March on the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC). I am grateful for your continued support and challenge to the Council.

I particularly welcome your focus on how the recovery effort is translating to improved outcomes for the community, a priority of the recovery effort.

You have rightly recognised the commitment and resource that RBKC has dedicated to recovery and the progress that they have made since your last report. In particular, the additional 300 properties they have purchased to increase supply, the work with residents of Lancaster West on the future of the estate and the increased key worker capacity. These are all considerable achievements, which alongside the emerging cultural change within the Council, present considerable opportunity over the next period.

You have also been clear there has not been sufficient progress in a number of other areas and that communications and service delivery in some areas is still not at a consistent level. As you recognise these, are crucial factors in rebuilding trust within the community.

I fully endorse the recommendations you have made and am confident that the Council will continue to work with you in a constructive way over the coming months.

My office will be in touch shortly to set up a meeting so that we can discuss the report and I can understand some of the detail behind your findings.

I await your further report in the Autumn, but please do not hesitate to draw any matters you wish to my attention before then.

I will be publishing this letter, along with your report on Thursday 22 March.

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