

# Executive Decision Report

<b>Decision maker and date of Leadership Team meeting or (in the case of individual Lead Member decisions) the earliest date the decision will be taken</b>	Leadership Team 25 July 2018 Portfolio Cllr David Lindsay (Lead Member for Healthy City Living)	 THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
<b>Report title</b>	A JOURNEY OF RECOVERY SUPPORTING HEALTH & WELLBEING FOR THE COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE GRENFELL TOWER FIRE DISASTER	
<b>Reporting officer</b>	Dr Mike Robinson (Director of Public Health)	
<b>Key decision</b>	No	
<b>Access to information classification</b>	Public	

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report introduces the attached report, *Journey of Recovery - Supporting health and wellbeing for the communities impacted by the Grenfell Tower fire disaster*, a public health needs assessment.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. The Leadership Team is asked to note the findings and recommendations of the report.

## 3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. No decision is required from the Leadership Team at this stage.

## 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Director of Public Health is a statutory role within local authorities. The Borough Public Health department in Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster works across and with the council, the NHS and other partners to improve and protect health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in the local

area. Central to this work is the ongoing development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in order to understand changing health and wellbeing needs in the local population. To contribute to this work the public health department carries out focussed needs assessments in particular areas. This report, *Journey of Recovery - Supporting health and wellbeing for the communities impacted by the Grenfell Tower fire disaster*, is part of this work.

- 4.2 The report gives an initial picture of the nature and scale of the impact of the Grenfell Tower disaster. It draws on existing quantitative and qualitative data, community perspectives and relevant literature from other major disasters to make a number of recommendations for long-term recovery.
- 4.3 The report documents the main demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of Notting Dale ward and the wider North Kensington area, and what we know about the health and wellbeing of local people before the fire. This provides a baseline against which to measure the impact of the tragedy.
- 4.4 Against this backdrop, the report explores the impact of the fire and its aftermath on those affected. In particular, it draws on existing data and relevant literature to give an initial assessment of the potential impacts of trauma, bereavement and displacement on physical and mental health and wellbeing. It also identifies some of the key demographic groups affected.
- 4.5 The report also documents some of the key protective factors that support recovery and draws on a wide range of disaster recovery expertise to make recommendations.
- 4.6 The report is a review of the evidence at a particular point in time, just over one year on from the disaster. There remains considerable uncertainty as to exactly how people have been affected, the issues which may emerge over the long term, and the scale of impact across the wider community. Further work will be necessary to document the impact into the future.

## **5. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES**

- 5.1. The report sets out eleven 'Foundations for the Future', which the evidence base suggests should inform the approach to long-term recovery adopted by the Council and its partners. These Foundations fall under the following three themes:
  - A commitment to new, improved and more inclusive ways of working,
  - Delivering high quality services and support across sectors,
  - Supporting community resilience.

- 5.2. The report also makes eight specific recommendations for all of those involved in recovery, including the importance of a long-term recovery strategy.
- 5.3. The report has informed the Council's *Commitments to those affected by the Grenfell Tragedy*, which are being published alongside it. The *Commitments* set out the beginnings of a recovery strategy, to be developed in partnership with the community.
- 5.4. The report recommends that the Council and its partners continue to monitor the impact of the disaster on the health and wellbeing of the community, including exploring new ways of measuring impact, and to adapt its approach to recovery accordingly.

## **6. CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The report draws on discussions with people affected by the disaster including a series of community conversations on the Foundations for the Future. The report has also drawn on qualitative research conducted by other organisations such as young people's peer led research, and the Musawa Consortium Needs Assessment with BME communities.

## **7. HUMAN RESOURCES AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS.**

None

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **9. FINANCIAL, PROPERTY AND ANY OTHER RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

None

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## **Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) – Background papers used in the preparation of this report**

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