

Government must listen to calls of Labour and councils across London and use tomorrow's Budget to cover cost of vital fire safety measures – Andrew Gwynne MP

Andrew Gwynne MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, commenting on BBC Radio London's research which reveals councils across the capital will be spending a total of about £383m to make social housing safer following the Grenfell fire, said:

"The Government must listen to the calls of Labour and councils across London and use tomorrow's Budget to keep its promise to help cover the cost of the vital fire safety measures needed to make homes safe.

"Forcing these costs onto councils, which have suffered from harsh cuts from the Tories, means that local people will have to foot the bill – and will place an even greater financial strain on our already over-burdened public services."

"The Grenfell Tower fire was an entirely avoidable human disaster that must never be repeated."