New Grenfell adviser appointed as final Grenfell Taskforce report published

The Independent Grenfell Recovery Taskforce has published its final report today (26 March) as Nick Hurd takes up role of Independent Adviser.

The Taskforce was set up by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government after the Grenfell Tower fire.

It has worked with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) in developing and putting in place a long-term recovery plan for the bereaved, survivors and wider community.

The report's findings include that RBKC has:

- continued to make progress in delivering a recovery plan for the people of North Kensington
- put bespoke support in place for the bereaved and survivors
- permanently rehoused 95% of households from Grenfell Tower and Walk and produced an ambitious new housing strategy

Despite some remaining challenges which the government is clear need to continue to be addressed, the government is now confident that RBKC can continue to improve without further support from the Taskforce, and the Taskforce will stand down on 31 March.

To make sure the views of those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire continue to be heard across government, former Minister for Grenfell Victims, Nick Hurd, has been appointed as an Independent Adviser to the Prime Minister on Grenfell.

His role will include advising the Prime Minister, other ministers and public bodies with responsibility for Grenfell-related issues, and representing the views of Grenfell communities at the heart of government.

The Grenfell Ministerial Recovery Group will continue to allow the government to oversee the council's progress and meet its ongoing commitment to supporting the Grenfell community.

Secretary of State for Communities, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said:

I am determined that everyone affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy should continue receiving the support they need and deserve.

I welcome the appointment of Nick Hurd, who will bring a wealth of knowledge from his former role. I know he will be a champion for

the community and ensure their view is heard across government.

See the <u>fifth Taskforce report</u>.

The Taskforce has previously <u>submitted 4 reports</u>.