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Dear Councillor Blakeman

Re: GAS Meter – Grenfell Tower

Thank you for your e-mail of 13th November 2008 to our Chief Executive Helen Evans requesting an update on our proposals to replace the broken gas meter and for attaching the report from Lancaster West EMB on this matter.

As you will have gathered from the EMB report, which was based on information provided by our energy officer, the process of dealing with the relevant gas companies has been extremely frustrating. It is important that the gas meter is restored to working order so that not only can we accurately record the gas consumption but progress energy efficiency measures. We have therefore decided to appoint Corona Energy, an authorised meter installer, to replace the faulty meter with a new one. At the same time we will also replace the obsolete gas valves and regulators with more modern equipment and install an automatic meter reading system to ensure accurate billings in future.

The work will take approximately four days and Corona have stated that they can maintain the gas supplies to the communal boiler, which supplies the heating and hot water services, for most of this period. However, there is the possibility that an unforeseen event may mean shutting down the boiler for a longer period than anticipated. Given that we are currently in the winter heating period we will propose to the EMB that in order to minimise any disruption, the installation of the new meter be deferred until the end of March 2009 when the heating is turned off.

In respect to the estimated bills we have been paying, adjustments will be made with our energy provider after the new meter has been installed sufficiently long enough to provide enough accurate consumption data for the TMO to re-estimate previous consumption.

Yours sincerely,

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