

This Council recognises that the residents of Grenfell Tower have been extremely patient throughout all the works undertaken on behalf of the Council beside and inside their homes. This has included the construction of the Kensington Aldridge Academy and the new Kensington Leisure Centre and all the associated environmental and public realm works.

The residents of the Tower are living in their homes while the Tower itself now undergoes a major regeneration. This includes replacing the communal heating and hot water system that was no longer fit for purpose, installing new boiler units, radiators, associated pipework and new windows in the homes, external cladding of the entire Tower and the construction of new flats for social rent, a boxing club, crèche, community facilities and a new entrance. While the residents recognise that, once completed, the Tower will - at last - be fit for the 21st Century, during this process they have had to endure living conditions that at times have been intolerable.

This Council acknowledges that, when residents are decanted from their homes to enable a regeneration programme, they are eligible for a statutory disturbance allowance of £4,900. Yet, despite having to live in very harrowing conditions for so long, the residents of Grenfell Tower have been offered a meagre £50 in compensation.

Because of the new size of the windows, residents will have to purchase replacement blinds and/or curtains. The internal decorations damaged by the installation of the windows, radiators and pipework are not to be made good by the Council's contractors and residents advise that £50 does not represent full compensation for these factors alone.

The residents understand that £12 million is being spent on this refurbishment. However, compared to the cost of demolishing and replacing the Tower, this is a very modest sum. Excluding demolition expenses, it would cost the Council at least £25,000,000 to decant residents and replace the homes lost at Grenfell Tower, so a £12 million refurbishment programme represents a significant saving for the Council.

This Council therefore resolves to recompense all residents of Grenfell Tower with a sum well in excess of the £50 currently on offer to take better account not just of the costs incurred to restore their homes to their former condition, but also for the daily disturbance and disruption that construction works have caused to their lives ever since 2012.

Mover: Cllr Judith Blakeman

Seconder: Cllr. Robert Atkinson

Disturbance Allowance for 120 flats @ £4,900	£588,000
Construct 120 new dwellings @ £250,000 per dwelling	£30,000,000
Plus very significant demolition costs	