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Sent: 03/05/2016 19:36:02
To: Councillor Marshall [cllr.marshall@rbkc.com]
Subject: Re: Grenfell Tower & Improvement works working group

Regards

On 3 May 2016 at 19:28, Councillor Marshall <cllr.marshall@rbkc.com> wrote:
I don't propose to reply. Your thoughts?

Begin forwarded message:

Dear Cllr Marshall,

However, it is not acceptable to suggest the group will not be taking forward its commitment to investigate the handling of the Grenfell Tower Improvement works by the TMO. I was in the public gallery for the Scrutiny meeting on 6th January 2016 when (after committee discussion) you committed the committee to investigate the matter during 2016.

That commitment was not simply a personal commitment of yours, but one of the Chair of the Committee, and after discussion it is a commitment of the Committee also (there were other members of the committee much clearer about the need for such an investigation, including a TMO Board Member and the local councillor who has met with and heard the impact of mismanagement on the residents of Grenfell Tower). As a committee of publicly elected members, a commitment made to its constituents is something which the new members of the group need to pick up and deliver upon, as the committee's commitments supersede any individual preferences.

The absence of follow through here leaves me only to think some are too scared to explore alternative narratives to the TMO's. How can one expect the TMO to deliver a critical examination of its own dealings in the matter of Grenfell Tower? As you know, without checks and balances, power corrupts. The majority of residents at Grenfell Tower, and its residents' association, are dissatisfied with the manner in which the TMO have managed and carried out the works. The majority of people felt lied to, pressured or threatened during the process. Many have shocking stories to tell. They would like the Council to consider their views, to allow those in power to hold the TMO accountable and improve its services. Are these people's views and experiences going to be dismissed or ignored because they do not fit with the 'official' narrative from the TMO? Is this narrative too difficult to consider, does it not fit with the narrative the Council wishes was correct?

There are many other works planned for the Borough in the coming years. This is an opportunity to learn the lessons now, before similar or worse happens in the future. I see a choice between preserving the status quo, and making the more difficult but right decision to investigate and improve matters. I am looking to you as the outgoing Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee to provide the leadership required to improve matters. I am also expecting the committee to deliver on its commitment to its constituents.

Please could you respond to make clear your commitment in this matter?

Best Wishes,

David Collins

From: Quentin Marshall <cllr.marshall@rbkc.com>

Date: Thursday, 28 April 2016 at 08:29

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Dear Mr Collins

Thank you for your email.

At its AGM in May, the Council will appoint a new Housing and Property Scrutiny Committee. I would imagine many of the members will be the same as this year. However, I will be standing down and will no longer be on the committee.

At our May meeting, which precedes the AGM, we will receive the TMO report on Grenfell Tower. It will then be for the new committee to decide how it wishes to pursue the matter further, including whether it wishes to set up a working group. I would note, however, that while a working group would consist of Councillors, not Officers, it would not be 'independent of RBKC'.

Might I therefore suggest you approach the new chairman of the Committee when he/her is appointed to discuss how the Committee will proceed?

Best regards

CLlr Quentin Marshall

On 24 Apr 2016, at 10:17, David Collins [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Cllr Marshall,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Grenfell Tower residents association. Please could we meet with you to discuss the setting up of the RBKC Working Group which is going to investigate the TMO's handling of the Grenfell Tower improvement works, and the impact that had on the well-being of residents?

We are seeking assurances that the working group will be independent of RBKC and TMO, and we are also asking that residents be allowed to contribute to the questions ask by the working group.

If you could suggest two of three dates and times, we would be happy to come to the Town Hall to discuss, and delighted were to visit us here.

Best Wishes,

David Collins
[REDACTED]

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