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**Subject:** Grenfell Tower Fire - Note to Colleagues - 17 June

I wanted to update you on events since my last note on Thursday.

Thank you so much to colleagues across the Council who have been visiting emergency centres and helping to process the huge amount of material that has been donated. Contrary to some reports, Councillors and officers have been very apparent by their presence at the different centres.

The Council's main focus of support is centred at Westway Sports Centre where a range of staff with knowledge of specialist support are based or contactable. We are very grateful to the Trust for lending this facility so readily. It is ideally located. Yesterday it was visited by HM The Queen and the Duke of Cambridge.

The immediate priority is to offer accommodation as close by as possible. Some 109 households are in temporary housing and there are some additional families with particular needs who are still being accommodated. They are being supported with money and meals as well as additional specialist counselling. There is a need to identify longer-term housing in the area as soon as possible and we are working with other Councils and DCLG to do this.

A huge number of voluntary organisations, churches, community centres and charities are also providing support and we are liaising with them to match their skills to specific needs and circumstances.

I intend to meet church and voluntary organisations next week to discuss what on-going support will be needed.

The RBKC web-site (just log on to the front page) provides a range of contact and emergency numbers. It also provides a statement in response to a number of questions about the fire and the Council's response to it.

The protest at the Town Hall on Friday afternoon required the building to be evacuated. This disrupted the work co-ordinating support and receiving donations which are coming in from around the country. I hope to see the entrance repaired and restored very shortly.

The Red Cross announced a Grenfell Tower appeal yesterday. Money raised by it will be distributed in consultation with the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation.

I have held meetings with senior ministers to set out the requirements we have and to outline some of the challenges we face. I have also spoken to the Prime Minister on the 'phone. Government support on several fronts has been forthcoming.

I am most grateful for everything that you are doing to support residents, the Council's teams and wonderful local volunteers. Please continue to report issues to myself and Mr Holgate.

Regards.....Nick