

**GRENFELL TOWER  
PUBLIC INQUIRY**

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**Exhibit SM/31**

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## THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

### COUNCIL MEETING – 2 DECEMBER 2015

#### ITEM 11

#### MOTIONS

##### **Amendment to Motion (i)**

Proposed by: Cllr Husband

Seconded by: Cllr Mackover

*To amend the Motion so that it reads as follows (amendments in bold):*

"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 **very inconvenient**.

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. **The residents of Grenfell Tower have not been decanted as works could take place whilst they were in occupation.**

Because of the **replacement** of the windows, residents **may want to** purchase replacement blinds and/or curtains. **There may also need to be some internal decorations following the installation of the windows, radiators and pipework.** The Council's contractors have offered residents either a replacement back board behind the radiator as the new fitting is smaller than the previous one or help

**in finding a solution to any damage / repair works that need to undertaken.**

The residents understand that **£10.6 million** is being spent on this refurbishment **which is a very substantial amount when considered as part of the total resources available in the HRA Capital programme.**

**This Council therefore resolves to continue to work with K&C TMO and Rydon to ensure that when approached by residents of Grenfell Tower they will try to assist them to re-hang curtains or blinds or find a solution to help them put up new window fittings."**

#### **Amendment to Motion (ii)**

Proposed by: Cllr Press

Seconded by: Cllr Thompson

To delete all after: "... that contribute to the city's success" and insert:

*"The Commission Chairs 'did not want to recommend any reduction in resources for social renting in order to increase the supply of intermediate housing provision' and 'given that part of the justification for offering intermediate housing in central London is to promote income mix, it follows that intermediate rent will be a particularly appropriate type of intermediate housing for more expensive areas' and 'intermediate ownership can be particularly valuable in helping an area with a backbone of owner occupiers'.*

"Therefore, in order to promote mixed income neighbourhoods, this Council resolves that it will review its Housing and Planning policies and consult on significantly increasing the delivery of intermediate housing across the borough. As recommended in the Centre for London report, the focus will be on delivering homes for intermediate rent, whose rent levels will be set in accordance with the Council's new Intermediate Rent Setting Policy so as to ensure that rents do not exceed 40% of the eligible households' net income.

Furthermore, this Council notes that workers crucial to the success of London's economy, including employees in health and social care, the emergency services, education, transport, construction, retail, hospitality, administration and facility services need low cost housing in order to bring up the families that will contribute to London's future success. It therefore resolves that its review of the Intermediate Housing Policy will include the offer of two and three bedroomed homes at no more than 40% of gross income for those workers."