

In a matter concerning the Grenfell Tower Inquiry

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HASH CHAMCHOUN

1. I was the Head of Supported Housing responsible for older peoples' services in sheltered housing and the careline service at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) before transferring to RBKC Council to perform the same duties.
2. I have been asked by the Public Inquiry to make this statement recording my involvement as point of contact within the police cordon at Grenfell Tower during the period 1am to 8am on 14 June 2017.
3. I cannot be precise on timings but I received a telephone call at home from Robert Black at about 1.30am to inform me that there was a fire at Grenfell Tower. I live nearby and volunteered to go there.
4. At that time I did not know the seriousness of the fire but as I cycled towards the area I could see the enormity of it and it was truly devastating.
5. I made my way through police cordons to a LFB Command Unit which had been set up in front of Treadgold House. I would say that I arrived at the Command Unit at about 2am or shortly after.
6. I cannot be sure but I think there were about 3 or 4 or possibly more fire officers in Unit and I made myself known to them and offered my assistance.
7. RBKC Emergency Planning process was in operation and a Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) was already in attendance at the Command Centre to respond to Fire service requests and there was therefore little for me to do.
8. Robert Black arrived some time later at about 3.30 and Teresa Brown shortly after that. We all stood outside the Command Unit on hand to respond to any questions.
9. I knew very little about Grenfell Tower as a building and had I been asked anything I would have made enquiries of others better placed to provide answers.
10. I left the Command Unit before 6 am to go to the Rest Centres to assist with recording of people arriving there. We were recording details of tenants, leaseholders and household members from which flats within Grenfell Tower that were in attendance and to collect information on persons who were reported to be missing. TMO held details of the registered tenants and leaseholder for each flat but it did not hold details of the occupants, family members and visitors. This information was

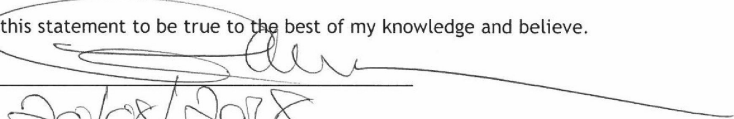
constantly being updated as information became available and regular updates were given by others to the Fire Brigade and the police.

11. From 6 am onwards I spent the rest of the day at the Rest Centres. Initially I went briefly to St Clement Church then to the Rugby Club and later to the Latimer Centre.
12. I made and received several telephone calls throughout my time on site and mostly with TMO Staff. I did not keep a record of these call which are too numerous to identify

I confirm this statement to be true to the best of my knowledge and believe.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____


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