

DIRECTIONS

for the consideration of

INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In my Response to the submissions made at the procedural hearing on 3 September I set out the procedure that that I was minded to adopt for deciding whether to make interim recommendations.
2. The Fire Brigades Union have submitted that the Cabinet Office and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) should be added to the list of those who should be asked to describe the steps they have taken or propose to take in response to the fire.
3. I have received no other observations from any of the other core participants apart from the G11 group of bereaved, survivors and residents, who have asked me to proceed immediately to make the recommendations set out in their submissions for that hearing on the grounds that they do not require further evidence or consideration by any other parties.
4. I agree that RBKC, but not the Cabinet Office, should be added to the list of those who should be asked to describe the steps they have taken or propose to take in response to the fire.
5. I do not accept the G11's arguments and am not willing to make recommendations without further evidence and consultation.
6. In the absence of any other objections I now make the following directions:
 - (i) by Friday 26 October 2018 the London Fire Brigade, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Home Department the Mayor of London and RBKC shall each serve on the Inquiry a position paper describing

in reasonable detail the actions they have already taken to address questions of public safety raised by the fire, the rationale behind them, and any further steps which they currently plan to take. The position paper should be supported by documentary evidence and should identify the person or persons within the organisation principally responsible for the steps described;

- (ii) by Friday 14 December 2018 all core participants who wish to do so shall send the Inquiry their proposals for interim recommendations;
- (iii) by Friday 11 January 2019 all core participants who wish to do so shall send the Inquiry their comments on the proposals;
- (iv) by Friday 18 January 2019 the Inquiry's experts shall produce short reports containing their views on the subject of proposed interim recommendations;
- (v) during the week beginning Mon 28 January or Monday 4 February 2019 there shall be a hearing to consider submissions on interim recommendations and any oral expert evidence that may be required.

Martin Moore-Bick

Chairman

28 September 2018