### **GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY/METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**

# SECOND ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# **General**

1. This is the second addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 27 September 2017 and covers the disclosure of experts' reports from the Inquiry to the MPS.

### Co-ordination of the Inquiry's work with the MPS investigation

# **Experts' Reports**

- 2. The Inquiry will within 14 days of a request by the MPS provide to the MPS copies of any expert report prepared for the Inquiry, and any documentation or source material referred to therein, and any report or material provided voluntarily by the Inquiry will be subject to the restriction set out in paragraph 22 of the MOU.
- 3. In the case of a request for documentation or source material referred to in an expert's report which has been obtained from third parties, paragraphs 18 (a) and (b) and 20 of the MOU applies to requests for those documents.
- 4. For clarity, where paragraph 22 of the MOU states that "materials voluntarily disclosed by the Inquiry to the MPS will be used only for the purposes of furthering its investigation and any consequent prosecution", this refers to Operation Northleigh, any experts and other contractors working as part of the investigation team, and includes disclosure to the CPS that is essential to the progression of the investigation and for seeking advice on charges. It also includes any disclosure that the MPS is obliged to make due to the provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the Codes thereto (relating to pre-interview disclosure requirements), the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (relating to post-charge disclosure requirements), or any other statutory obligation. During the currency of the Inquiry (i.e. up to the date of publication of its final report), the MPS will inform the Inquiry 7 days in advance of disclosing any document that has not been published by the Inquiry. Any arrangement for notification after this date is to be agreed in due course.

Dated 10 February 2021

#### **Explanatory Note**

The original MOU anticipated and provided for the disclosure by the Inquiry to the MPS of witness statements and documents provided by third parties (see MOU paragraphs 17-18). However, it did not provide for the disclosure of Inquiry experts' reports such that the MPS could use them for the purpose of furthering its criminal investigation. Requests for such disclosure have been dealt with on the basis of individual requests but will now be formalised in this second addendum.