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Dear Andrew,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 5 February 2026 - Motions

Thank you for the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 5 February. My reply to Motion 3.1 and Motion 3.2 is below, and I am sorry for the delay.

Motion 3.1– Residential Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans [RPEEPs]

Everyone deserves the right to live in a safe home – a right denied to the residents of Grenfell Tower. I will not stop my work until we can say with confidence that the failings that led to this tragedy will never be repeated. The fact that 15 of the 37 disabled residents died in the Grenfell Tower fire is truly shocking, as is the fact that none of them had a plan put in place for what to do in an emergency. That is why the Grenfell Inquiry Phase One report made a recommendation that the owner and manager of every high-rise residential building be required by law to prepare Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) for all residents whose ability to self-evacuate may be compromised, such as persons with reduced mobility or cognition.

I strongly support this Grenfell Inquiry recommendation and have, over the years, twice responded to government consultations on PEEPs. In those responses, I asked for PEEPs to be legislated for all buildings covered by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, no matter the height, and for there to be central funding so that the cost of PEEPs would not fall on those they are meant to protect.

I welcome the steps that the Government has taken to introduce RPEEPs legislation. Last year, in August, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, wrote to the Government to highlight several opportunities for it to make the RPEEPs legislation stronger to provide greater security for disabled residents. He also urged the Government to continue to engage widely with Deaf and Disabled People’s Organisations in the review of the guidance and future iterations of the toolkit to ensure the voices of those with lived experience are at the forefront.

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Ahead of the implementation of RPEEPs legislation on 6 April, he also wrote an [open letter](#) on 17 March to building owners and managers about the forthcoming legislation, requesting them to go further and provide RPEEPs for all their residents who require them.

We understand that the London Fire Commissioner will be replying separately.

Motion 3.2 – Right to Jury Trials

I have spoken consistently about my support for jury trials and my belief that they represent the gold standard when it comes to justice, especially for the most serious of crimes. I have also met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary to share my views that jury trials must be maintained and that any changes do not have a disproportionately negative impact on vulnerable or minoritised Londoners.

I am currently working very closely with the Deputy Prime Minister, and both my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and I have had ongoing meetings with the Government on this topic. As part of those conversations, we will lead innovative partnership work to reduce the Crown Court backlog in London and improve the wider Criminal Justice System, especially for victims, in line with the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London