

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA190618-5256

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 18 June 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows;

*1. How many visits has Sadiq Khan made to Grenfell since the fire on 14 June 2017?*

The Mayor made 12 visits to Grenfell between 14th June 2017 & 18th June 2018. He has also visited in a private capacity.

*2. The number of GLA staff working on the response to the fire each month from June 2017 to June 2018.*

A large number of GLA staff members have assisted with Grenfell response efforts as a part of their normal role. The table below does not include these staff members.

The following table represents the number of staff members working solely or mostly on Grenfell each month. Note, the number given for July includes full-time secondments which ended part way through the month.

June 2017	22
July 2017	10
August 2017	2
September 2017	2
October 2017	0
November 2017	0
December 2017	0
January 2018	0
February 2018	1
March 2018	1
April 2018	1
May 2018	1
June 2018	1

3. *How much has been spent to date by the Mayor on the response to the Grenfell disaster?*

### **Affordable housing grant**

As of 19 June, the GLA had paid **£5,370,000** to Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) for the purchase of affordable housing used for the rehousing of Grenfell survivors. A further **£5,790,000** is allocated to RBKC but has not yet been drawn down, meaning there have been total allocations of **£11,160,000**. The GLA is aware that RBKC purchased more properties than required in order to provide survivors with adequate choice. Any properties which are not needed to rehouse Grenfell households will be used for other households on the RBKC housing register. If additional properties are purchased and approved in the future, the funding may increase.

The GLA issued affordable housing grant to RBKC in the same way that it would for any social landlord. The GLA's role does not extend to the selection of properties from the open market. RBKC are wholly responsible for sourcing, selecting and under-taking due diligence on properties they purchased.

### **Business support funding**

The GLA, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy jointly created a fund to support small businesses in the immediate aftermath of the fire. Local businesses were invited to apply for funding to cover expenses such as rent, lost stock and payments to suppliers. Of the total £250k fund, the Mayor contributed **£50k**.

In March, the Mayor made a further **£65k** available for business support. The money was provided to local enterprise agency the Portobello Business Centre (PBC) to deliver the support on behalf of the London Growth Hub, the Mayor's SME support initiative. PBC is working with businesses with the Grenfell area to identify their business needs and the steps that need to be taken.

### **Latimer Road/Ladbroke Grove memorial consultation**

TfL has allocated a budget of **£50k** to fund engagement with the Grenfell community and any subsequent public consultation on proposals for memorials in and around Latimer Road and/or Ladbroke Grove tube stations.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA190618-5256.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**

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