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FOI Reference: 995497
Email: xxx@xxxx.xxx.x
Date: 8 March 2019

Dear Ms Goulding

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

- 1) Has the Borough submitted an insurance claim in respect of Grenfell Tower and if so what is the value of this claim?*
- 2) If the claim is settled, will the funds be ring-fenced within a social housing account?*
- 3) Will all funds obtained be invested in council (not affordable) housing?*

Response

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

The Council submitted a building insurance claim for Grenfell Tower to its insurers and received £24.5m in full settlement of the claim. This settlement was paid in two tranches, the second of which was received in September 2018. This settlement relates specifically to the building.

Under normal circumstances, the settlement would be used to finance the reinstatement of homes destroyed in the fire. However, in this case the Council had already completed and funded an acquisition programme to replace the homes that were lost.

The insurance settlement is therefore being used to part-fund the Grenfell Recovery Programme, agreed by the Council's Leadership Team in January

2019. This programme is designed to support the recovery of those affected over the next five years and includes a dedicated service for bereaved and survivors and ongoing support for those affected in the local community.

Please quote the reference number 995497 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management Team
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545 700
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Management Team