

# Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

## Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Meeting: 11 December 2025

### Attendees:

#### Memorial Commission

Thelma Stober – Co-Chair and chaired the meeting

Lord Paul Boetang – Co-Chair

#### Community representatives

##### Bereaved:

Adel Chaoui

Sandra Ruiz

Paulos Tekle

Hassan Hassan

##### Survivor:

Abe Abebe

##### Lancaster West and Immediate community:

Susan Al-Safadi

Abbas Dadou

#### Apologies:

Hanan Wahabi

Nabil Choucair

Mohammed Rasoul

Hanan Cherbika

Andrea Newton

Samia Badani

#### Secretariat:

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission Secretariat – 4 individuals

#### Other:

Stephanie Edwards – Design advisor

Peter Neal – Design advisor

#### Meeting purpose

The seventy-fourth meeting of the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, and final meeting for 2025, discussed next steps for the design team; an update on archiving and reflected on the work of the Commission during 2025.

## Opening

- A one-minute silence was held at the start of the meeting.
- The chair opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance and advised that a Grenfell Health and Wellbeing representative was not available at the meeting. Support could be provided following the meeting if needed.
- The Secretariat advised that the meeting was quorate.
- The Secretariat presented the minutes from the 27 November meeting for approval along with an update on the risk register and action log. These will be reviewed during December, following the appointment of Freehaus as the multi-disciplinary design team, for discussion at the January meeting.
- No new conflicts of interest were declared.

### **Agenda item 1: Design team next steps**

The Co-Chairs reflected that much had been achieved in the last 12 months and that it will be important for all future meetings that there is attendance from Freehaus (the appointed multi-disciplinary design team) and representatives from MHCLG who are responsible for managing the design team contract and delivery, to ensure that the work continues to progress.

The Co-Chairs highlighted that they would be meeting with Freehaus before the Christmas break to confirm their attendance at future meetings and so ensure continued significant and ongoing input from the bereaved families, survivors, and the immediate community to develop the community led Grenfell memorial design. Similar discussions will also be held with MHCLG.

The independent design advisors provided a summary of the key RIBA stages 0 – 1 that Freehaus are currently focusing on and which will include opportunities for engagement at each stage with bereaved families, survivors and the immediate community. This will include:

- Key site considerations
- Building heights and Tower visibility
- Materiality and interment
- Key access points and transport and movement
- Contextual considerations, open space, character areas
- Memorial event programming
- Land use requirements and specifications.

The Commission stressed the importance of considering parts of the Tower and materials from the Tower in the design of the memorial, to ensure they are not lost before the memorial design is finalised.

### **Agenda item 2: Archive**

The Secretariat provided an update on work to date on the archive. This covered the work currently underway to conserve the original hoardings on the advice of conservation experts as well as other conservation projects. Further updates on this important recommendation will be provided at future meetings.

### **AOB**

The secretariat advised that a letter from Freehaus, following their appointment, will be sent before Christmas. This will be followed by further comms in the new year.

The Chair ended the meeting by reflecting on all the work that has taken place over the last seven plus years and thanked the community representatives for their continued involvement.