



Grenfell Community Assembly

This is a response/action list as a result of the Assembly held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 on the theme of the Grenfell Projects Fund. Similar comments and questions made by residents may have been consolidated or amalgamated for ease of response. Feedback details here focus on the areas that residents expression the need for improvement/greater transparency (in their words):

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Question: What worked less well?			
Can grants under £10,000 be managed by a smaller panel to reduce scrutiny and make it a smoother process?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	We welcome the suggestion to create a less convoluted process for smaller funding applications to be assessed and managed whilst keeping the appropriate level of ensuring funds are spent appropriately to make a difference in the lives of North Ken residents. This feedback will be included in the Community Involvement Workshop on 9/2/21.
How do we engage local residents in the process who have quiet voices?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	We will continue to improve this through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Having great facilitators that can ensure everyone contributes within a meeting- Supporting smaller groups (in person) and virtual breakout rooms (for online meetings)- Accessing smaller community organisations; supporting their participation through separate and tailored meetings with these organisations to discuss the process and better meet residents/service users/projects at their point of need.

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Co-design? Could we have the details and record of this engagement?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	<p>The co-design for Grenfell Projects Fund was completed in the summer of 2019 within Notting Dale ward. A door to door exercise was completed by x3 staff members to identify how residents wished to spend the fund and identify outcomes. Themes identified were shared via the Creating Stronger Communities project.</p> <p>Moving forward we will ensure that we produce feedback like this document to aid transparency, to communicate what residents said, and to feedback what RBKC put in place to support codesign processes.</p> <p>Additionally, we are working to ensure all Communities projects have community governance mechanisms embedded within the core of the project, e.g. The Board of Governors for The Curve Community Centre is in place and is currently recruiting new Board members to widening community participation and involvement in governance.</p>
Which budget are the bureaucrats and outside speakers being paid from?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	Any work delivered within the Grenfell work programmes are paid from the Grenfell budget.
Community researchers could have told you all this years ago, and in fact they did. Why was community-led research discounted in this process?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	Community Researchers were included in the Grenfell Recovery Strategy and design of programmes, and have continued to be included.
Disclose and be transparent tell us if any of these people also work for the council because we heard it – is it a conflict of interest?	Participation and Transparency	Grenfell Community Team	<p>Out of 57 successful applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 applicant is a resident of North Kensington who also volunteers for the Council - 1 coach is a resident of North Kensington who works for a local organisation and also volunteers for the council

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The pitch days felt like a popularity contest. The questions around validity of the vote – could this be done in a different way?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	<p>Participatory Budgeting is a form of citizen participation where local people get to vote for what they want; see link for more information here. This can feel like a popularity contest, however the group that got the most votes in round one was not well known before the events (Mind United).</p> <p>RBKC are committed to working with our residents to get this more right moving forward. Please do tell us what you think and want. Community Facilitators will be hosting a Developing Community Involvement meeting with local residents to discuss what ideas could be implemented for the next round on 9th February at 6pm; please join us and share your ideas:</p> <p>Meeting: Developing Community Involvement Join Zoom Meeting https://rbkc-westminster-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/96991346764?pwd=NXBpdy80K0dIVORIZktPK1NoU3lJQT09 Meeting ID: 969 9134 6764 Passcode: 713816</p>
Can we be told how many proposals that were NOT approved by the 'community' were subsequently funded by RBKC?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	8 projects were funded once the additional £100K was added. All projects were voted on by the community and with the additional funds added, projects across Outcome 1 & 2 were funded in line with votes received.
What was the total cost of the first event you had at KAA?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	<p>Total cost was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total cost of 1st Event at Kensington Aldridge Academy: £15,569.92 - Total cost of 2nd Event at The Clement James Church: £13,296.82

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How do residents without passports and driving licensees provide ID? How about the electoral register? The Council Tax register?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	<p>The Council are unable to access The Electoral Roll or Council Tax Register due to GDPR.</p> <p>Residents that were unable to provide Passports or Driving Licences were able to discuss this with a member of staff by contacting the NKEngagement@rbkc.gov.uk. There were residents who were unable to provide certain documentation but were still able to register following discussions held with individuals who were able to provide other documentations to confirm their residency.</p> <p>Moving forward we are very willing to review what we put in place to ensure maximum resident participation and appropriate due diligence; your ideas are most welcome.</p>
How many Outcome groups that were so under subscribed that all projects were funded?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	<p>No outcomes were undersubscribed.</p> <p>Due to project withdrawals around the second decision day this then meant that projects left within Outcomes 5 & 6 were able to be fully funded.</p>
The 6 Outcomes that were imposed upon us – who was this chosen by?	Voting process, decision days	Grenfell Community Team	<p>6 outcomes were identified through the Creating Stronger Communities Consultation which is stated within the Grenfell Recovery Strategy. In the summer of 2019, a door to door consultation took place in Notting Dale ward. Residents who chose to engage in the process were asked about the suggested 6 outcomes and how the fund should be spent; this was then implemented in line with feedback received.</p>
Funding not released to projects until a late stage causing further delays - Why do we have to self-fund?	Support for successful projects, funding release		<p>All projects were informed that there would be a pause to delivery as we entered the first lockdown following the first wave of Coronavirus. Funds were only released to projects that could adapt their project to deliver online from July 2020. Following this, funding has only been released to projects once they have completed all due diligence required including DBS checks for any individuals part of delivering the projects, risk assessments, appropriately constituted groups etc. Where these were not ready funding was delayed.</p>

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<p>If the process you're building requires administration – why hasn't the administrator been sourced from within the community?</p>	<p>Moving forward and governance</p>		<p>We have gone for a mixed delivery programme that has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successfully recruiting the majority of Community Development Officers for the Grenfell Community Team from North Kensington - Additionally we have recruited someone from the local area through the RBKC Apprenticeship Programme who will give administrative and project management support to the Grenfell Projects Fund (GPF) & Community Leadership Programme (CLP) <p>Following November Grenfell Assembly meeting we have set up a Community-led Community Involvement workshop to look at what should/could community involvement look like for Grenfell Project Fund including who should/could manage this project.</p>
<p>Governing schemes proposed include residents' panel and methodologies such as World Cafe – With that said, does everyone really need to be present in person?</p>	<p>Moving forward and governance</p>	<p>Grenfell Community Team</p>	<p>Due to current restrictions around Coronavirus, we have been able to adapt the delivery to online, which means not everyone will be required to attend in person, but everyone will have an opportunity to contribute in various ways.</p> <p>We are mindful of the many residents who are digitally excluded and are looking at how we can support this to be resolved for those residents who wish to be digitally enabled.</p>

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Who governs the process with providers or applicants?	Moving forward and governance	Grenfell Community Team	<p>At present it is governed by The Council – from feedback received and to develop a new way of working we have set up the meeting below to start to create a process to govern the next round more efficiently with members of the community.</p> <p>Community Facilitators will be hosting a Developing Community Involvement meeting with local residents to discuss ideas that could be implemented for the next round. Meeting is on 9th Feb at 6pm:</p> <p>Meeting: Developing Community Involvement Join Zoom Meeting https://rbkc-westminster-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/96991346764?pwd=NXBpdy80K0dIVORIZktPK1NoU3lJQT09 Meeting ID: 969 9134 6764 Passcode: 713816</p>
Not only that but some projects have been working despite the COVID outbreak. Why shouldn't those not be considered for funding and support?	Moving forward and governance	Grenfell Community Team	<p>All projects are welcome to apply for funding in the next round once it has opened. The Grenfell Projects Fund is to support local people's recovery following the tragedy.</p> <p>For projects looking for funding to support the response to the pandemic, there are several funding sources online that organisations can apply for such as:</p> <p>https://londoncf.org.uk/apply/coronavirus-response-funding https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html</p> <p>Please note there are various more funding streams available outside of the Local Authority.</p>

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Why were those who were able to operate not given their funding sooner?	Support for successful project, funding release	Grenfell Community Team	All projects were informed in March that there would be a pause to all delivery due to Covid Lockdown. At a later stage, an email was sent out to all projects to discuss the opportunity to adapt their project to an online delivery model for those deliver their projects within Government Covid Guidelines. We understood that not all projects could deliver online; for some it was a case that once it would be safe to deliver face to face, projects would still need to engage with local residents. Funding was only released from late July/August to projects who had completed the appropriate documentation such as signed funding agreements, DBS and risk assessments in order to receive the funds; some projects are still yet to complete this (and are being supported/encouraged to do so).
Why did those that were awarded a grant, and had adapted for Covid, and were ready to start, have to wait for so long for the money?	Support for successful project, funding release	Grenfell Community Team	Some projects were unable to receive the fund/s due to incomplete paperwork such as supplier forms to be registered on the system to release funds. This meant they were not registered in time which caused delays to the process.
How many projects that were awarded funding have since been denied their funds?	Support for successful project, funding release	Grenfell Community Team	No project awarded funding has been denied funds after the award. 2 projects have withdrawn from the process since being awarded the fund.
Did they check if they are all had DBS?	Support for successful project, funding release	Grenfell Community Team	We have checked with all providers re do they have a valid DBS; in response to this RBKC Grenfell Community Team have processed around 100 DBS' internally.
Can we get rid of the slides please?	Assembly feedback	Grenfell Community Team	We have listened to this and will be reducing the amount of slides used within Grenfell Assemblies moving forward. Please do let us know if January's event has the right balance or if meeting participants want further reduction/more slides.

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Do we have to go into smaller rooms?	Assembly feedback	Grenfell Community Team	Breakout rooms were designed to ensure as many people have a say. It is also allows quieter voices to feel safe enough/less intimidated in a large group to have their say.