Core Participants

Who might be a Core Participant in this Inquiry?

The following will all be Core Participants if they apply:

- The survivors of the fire at Grenfell Tower.
- All individuals who were residents of Grenfell Tower at the time of the fire.
- The families of those that died or those who were injured and as a result are unable to participate in the Inquiry.

The Chairman can also grant Core Participant status to others. In particular:

- Someone who may have played a direct and significant role in whatever the Inquiry is looking at.
- Someone with an otherwise significant interest in an important part of the Inquiry.
- Someone who could be subject to explicit or significant criticism in the Inquiry’s proceedings or report.

People can therefore be Core Participants for very different reasons.

What is the role of Core Participants?

- They will receive relevant evidence in advance of hearings.
- They can make opening or closing statements at some hearings.
- They can suggest lines of questioning that the Inquiry should pursue.
- With permission, they can ask witnesses questions through their own legal representatives.

What is the difference between a Core Participant and a Witness?

- Core Participants can review evidence put to the Inquiry.
- Witnesses provide evidence to the Inquiry.
- People who are not Core Participants can still provide evidence to the Inquiry as witnesses.
- A person can be both a Core Participant and a witness.
- A person does not need to be a Core Participant to be a witness.

Who can get Funding?

- The legal costs of Core Participants who are survivors, bereaved families and affected local residents will be funded by the Inquiry.
- Funding may also be available to other Core Participants or witnesses depending on the circumstances.

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