

INQUIRY CHAIRMAN RECEIVES TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, Sir Martin Moore-Bick, confirmed this morning that he had received his Terms of Reference (TOR) from the Prime Minister.

In a letter to Sir Martin, the Prime Minister also formally announced that the Inquiry's set-up date is today Tuesday, 15 August.

The Terms of Reference have been posted on the Government website Gov.UK along with Sir Martin's letter to the Prime Minister containing his recommendations for the TOR which he sent to the Prime Minister on 10 August.

Preliminary Hearing

Sir Martin announced today that he expects his first preliminary public hearing will be held on Thursday, 14 September where he will make an opening statement. The hearing will be held in the Connaught Rooms in Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DA.

Assistance for the Chair

Sir Martin has advised the Prime Minister that he is giving careful consideration to the appointment of assessors to the Inquiry. He specifically identified that he is considering the need to cover issues such as the occupation and management of social housing and the administration of local government more generally, as well as matters of a technical scientific nature.

Any appointments will be announced in due course.

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Notes for Editors

Sir Martin Moore-Bick was appointed by the Prime Minister to chair the Grenfell Tower Inquiry on 29 June 2017.

Since his appointment Sir Martin has been consulting local residents and other interested parties about the Terms of Reference. He has held three public meetings, and both he and members of his Inquiry team have also had face-to-face discussions with a wide range of individuals.

The consultation exercise resulted in the receipt of 554 written responses.

Sir Martin will not be giving any media interviews.

Hearings

All hearings will be live-streamed and available to watch from the Inquiry's website. A transcript of all hearings and a copy of the live screening of each hearing will be posted on the Inquiry's website.

Preliminary Hearings will be held in order to address procedural and programming issues and to enable the Chairman to consider submissions of a legal nature as necessary before the commencement of evidential hearings.

There will be a number of hearings at which individuals and organisations will be able to give evidence about matters under investigation. It is too early to say how many such hearings will be required or when the first will take place.

Core Participants

Applications for core participant status will be considered. A core participant can include an individual, organisation or entity, with a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates.

A protocol on the management of core participants and information on how to make an application for core participant status will be placed on the Inquiry's website shortly.

Twitter Account

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