

## Press Release

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### **KCTMO begins search for top contractor for prestigious refurbishment contract**

The £9.7million Grenfell Tower Regeneration project in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea takes another step forward this week with the call for contractors to submit their pre-qualification applications.

Built in 1974, Grenfell Tower is a prominent residential estate managed by Kensington and Chelsea TMO on behalf of the council. The £9.7million investment is a major commitment by the council and the TMO to regenerate the tower, with numerous improvements set to raise the value of the estate significantly.

The large scale works will include an upgrade of the cladding to the exterior of the building, new windows and a totally new heating system, all of which will greatly enhance the energy efficiency of the tower and contribute to reducing residents' living costs. Additionally, unused spaces will be redeveloped to increase the number of residential units on the estate and both the community boxing club and nursery will be upgraded.

Kensington and Chelsea TMO is looking to appoint a single contractor partner to deliver this innovative design and build project. Interested contractors are invited to complete the pre-qualification questionnaire in preparation for a restricted tender process under OJEU guidelines.

KCTMO's Director of Assets and Regeneration, Peter Maddison, said this was the first step of the robust procurement process.

"As part of our strong commitment to regenerating Grenfell Tower we want to ensure we find the right contractor for the job. Our qualifying criteria include being able to demonstrate outstanding resident engagement and recent experience in similar tower block works. Our tender selection panel will include residents of Grenfell Tower," said Mr Maddison.

### **Notes to Editors**

- Grenfell Tower is a prominent residential estate in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. It comprises 120 residential units and was built in 1974. The building is next to the site of the prestigious Kensington Academy and Leisure Centre Site (known as the "KALC Project") where construction is currently underway.
- The estimated construction period is 14 months and KCTMO is aiming to commence work in 2014. The planning application has been submitted and it is hoped that approval will be granted in Autumn 2013.

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