



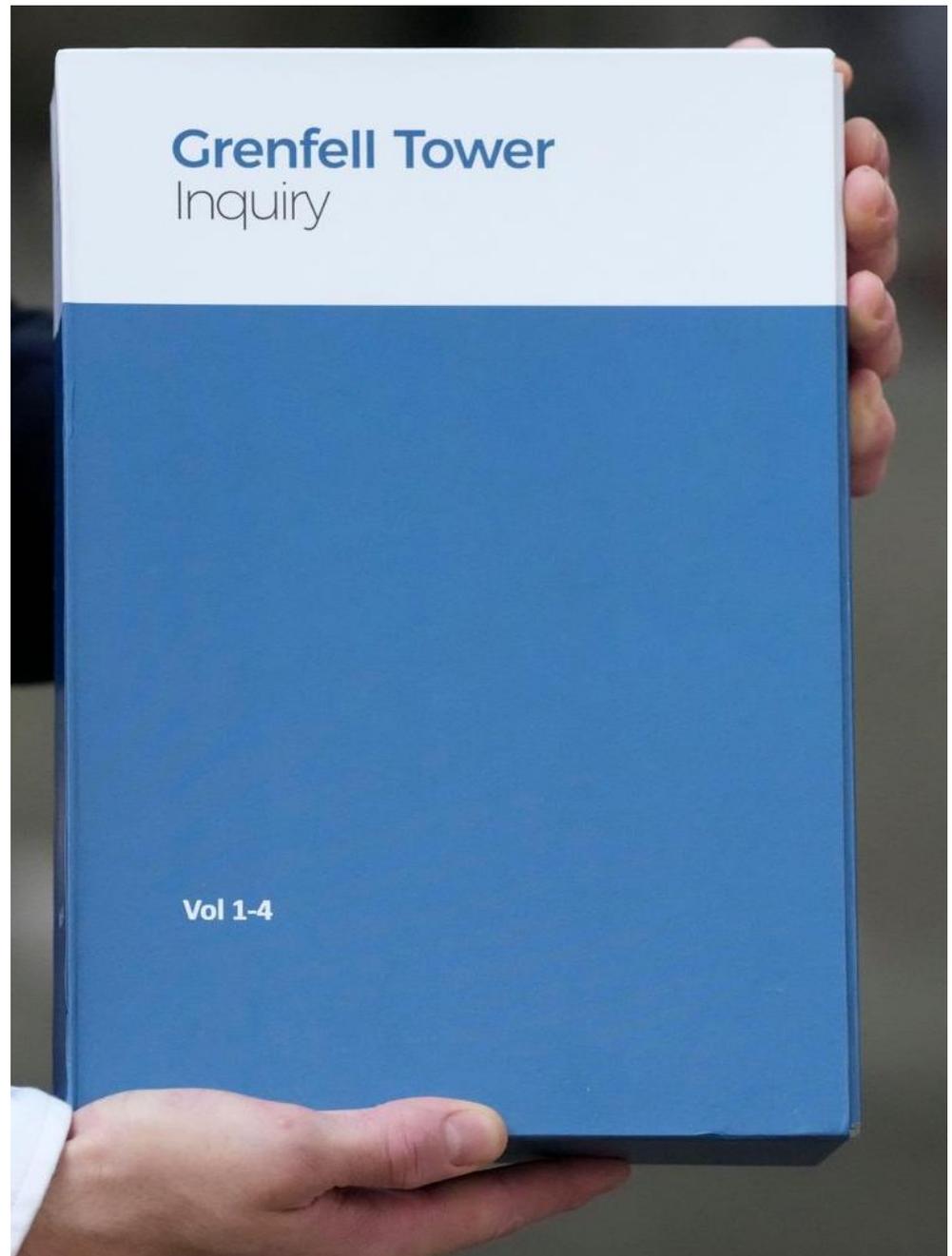
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# Grenfell thoughts and reflection

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**The Grenfell Tower  
Inquiry was  
created to examine  
the circumstances  
leading up to and  
surrounding the  
fire at Grenfell  
Tower on the night  
of 14 June 2017**



## Over the course of Phase 1 and Phase 2, the Inquiry has:



Disclosed over 320,000 documents to Core Participants



Received over 1,600 witness statements



Held more than 300 public hearings

**Grenfell Tower**  
Inquiry



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# What did the report say?

# 9 damning headlines

1. Government was warned 25 years before the disaster struck
2. Fire tests proved how dangerous the cladding was
3. The 2010 coalition government ignored risks
4. Privatisation of a key body added to problems
5. Dangers were 'deliberately concealed'
6. Council body showed 'indifference'
7. Merry-go-round of buck-passing'
8. London Fire Brigade bosses didn't prepare their teams
9. The disaster was the product of 'decades of failure'



**B B C NEWS BREAKING**

**Report: Manufacturers 'concealed' fire risks posed**

**B B C NEWS BREAKING**

**Inquiry says fire was result of chain of failures**

**B B C NEWS BREAKING**

**Report says governments 'ignored' safety concerns**

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**Report: London Fire Brigade lacked strategy, training**

**Grenfell inquiry blames governments, companies and fire service in damning final report**

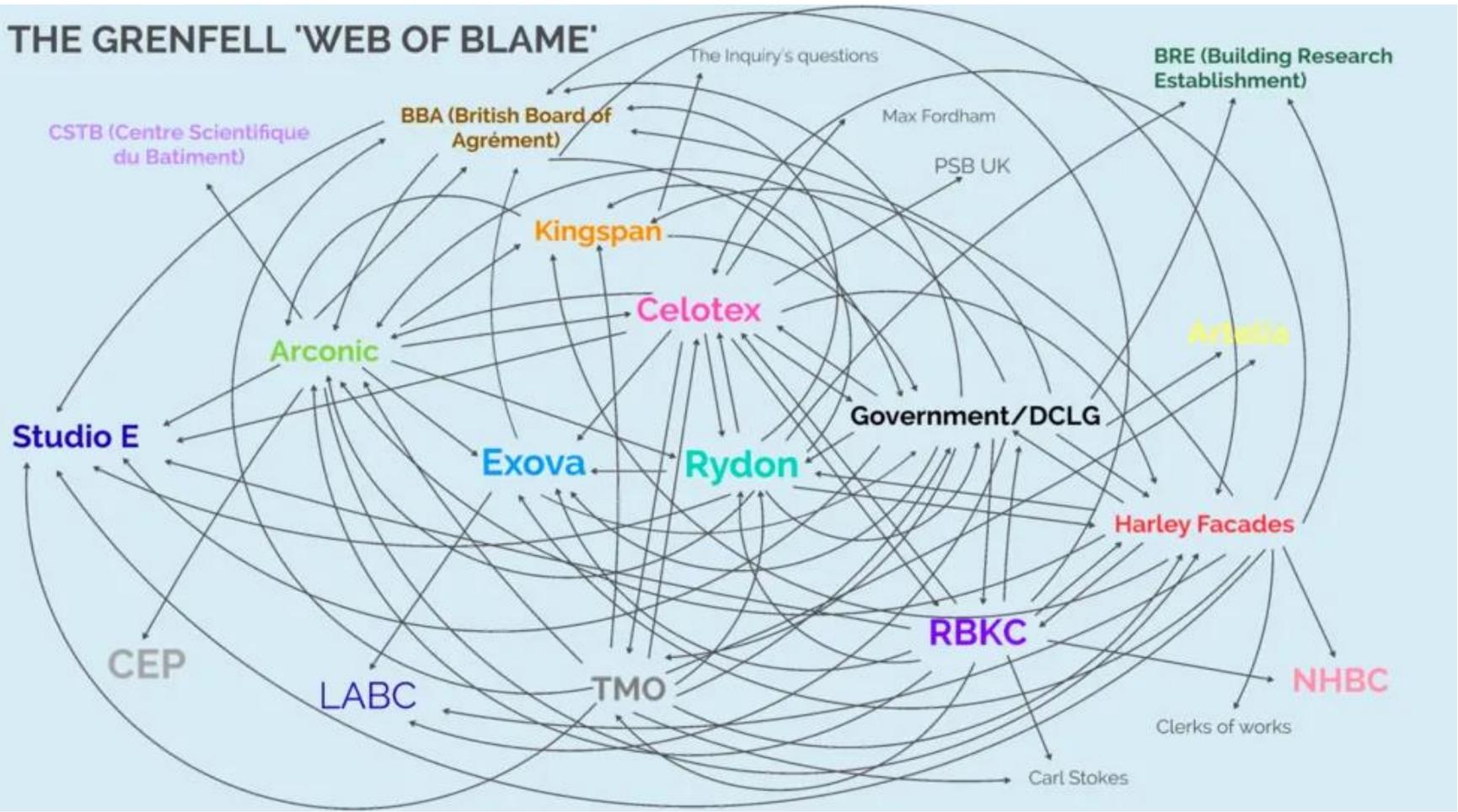
**B B C NEWS**

**Chair: Those who lived in tower badly failed**

**B B C NEWS BREAKING**

**Chair: All 72 deaths at Grenfell were avoidable**

# THE GRENFELL 'WEB OF BLAME'



# Words used by Chair Sir Martin Moore-Bick



The big  
issues  
outstanding



# When and who will be accountable?

## Angela Rayner backs prosecutions for those responsible for Grenfell Tower fire

Deputy prime minister wants the Crown Prosecution Service and Met police to act 'as quickly as possible'

UK Analysis

The Grenfell inquiry report brought truth, but only prosecutions will bring justice



# Issue - is Westminster listening?



ITV News @itvnews · 14h



'There were lots of empty seats....I was really quite shocked'

@Peston says he was surprised by how many MPs left the Commons before the prime minister's statement on the Grenfell Inquiry report.



Victoria Derbyshire @vicderbyshire · 8h



'How are we supposed to get justice when they just don't care?'

Vice Chair of Grenfell United Karim Mussilhy on the MPs who left the House of Commons chamber as the PM was about to make his statement on the Grenfell inquiry report

[#Newsnight](#)



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# Key to me:

The Recommendations were all technical

➔ Good recommendations,

I don't disagree, but.....

No recommendations on tenant voice, TMOs etc.

**That is disappointing**



# TPAS Cymru statement on the publication of the final report into the Grenfell Tower tragedy

- The report highlights 2 key facts surrounding the tragedy.
  1. Every death was avoidable. Grenfell should not have happened if tenants were listened to.
  2. As tenant engagement was seen as an 'add-on' and not a priority.



# TPAS Cymru statement on the publication of the final report into the Grenfell Tower tragedy

- Get angry!
- When trust collapses between landlords and tenants, and when the voices of people living in social housing are left unheard, there are consequences – in this case, they were deadly.
- All of us across the sector embracing a culture of transparency and respect.
- We believe that when the voice of tenants is heard, social housing works better



# TPAS Cymru statement on the publication of the final report into the Grenfell Tower tragedy

**David Wilton, Chief Executive of TPAS Cymru, issued the following statement in response to the report's findings:**

“The Grenfell Tower tragedy was not just a failure of building safety, but a failure of our housing system to protect and value tenants' lives. The Independent Inquiry's final report does not shy away from showing the devastating consequence of tenant voices being ignored and where profit and weak regulation and standards eclipse basic building safety.

*“I encourage everyone involved in Housing to read this report and get angry. Use that anger to demand change and ensure people and organisations are held accountable for their failures”*

“TPAS Cymru stands with the survivors and the bereaved families in demanding justice and meaningful change. We welcome the recommendations and urge all landlords and policymakers in Wales to study and implement these changes without delay to ensure a similar tragedy can never happen here. Grenfell must be a turning point for tenant rights and building safety in Wales. Most importantly, we must remember that every tenant's voice must be heard.”

What key  
organisations  
said



# Kier Starmer

*Delivered in the House of Commons on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024:*

**“The simple truth is that the deaths that occurred were all avoidable and that those who lived in the tower were badly failed over a number of years and in a number of different ways.**

By, as the report lays out in full, just about every institution responsible for ensuring their safety. Mr Speaker, in the face of an injustice so painful... **So deserving of anger Words begin to lose their meaning. Seven years - still waiting.**

For the justice you deserve. I want to say very clearly, on behalf of the country you have been let down so badly Before, during and in the aftermath of this tragedy. And while Sir Martin sets out a catalogue of appalling industry failures **For which there must now be full accountability, He also finds – and I quote – “decades of failure by central government.”**

# Grenfell United

The inquiry report reveals that whenever there's a clash between corporate interest and public safety, governments have done everything they can to avoid their responsibilities to keep people safe. The system isn't broken, it was built this way.

It speaks to a lack of competence, understanding and a fundamental failure to perform the most basic of duties of care.

The recommendations published today are basic safety principles that should already exist, highlighting how the government's roles, duties and obligations have been hollowed out by privatisation.



# Community Housing Cymru



In response, Stuart Ropke, chief executive of Community Housing Cymru said:

“Our homes should be the place where we are safest of all. Our thoughts today are with the survivors, and families and friends of the 72 people who lost their lives due to the fire.

“We are grateful to those who participated in this detailed and thorough inquiry. We will now be taking the time to examine the report in full, reflecting carefully on the experiences of the tenants and others who contributed to it.

“Welsh housing associations’ core purpose is to provide safe and affordable homes. Community Housing Cymru and housing association teams will continue to support work taking place in Wales to improve building safety so that everyone is, and feels, safe in their homes.”

# Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)



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Institute of  
Housing

**Chartered Institute of Housing** @CIHhousing · Sep 4



"Everyone should feel safe in their home and confident that their voice will be heard if they raise a concern. The final Grenfell Tower Inquiry report serves as a sobering reminder of the need to learn from the tragedy of 2017 to ensure that such an event can never happen again.



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Institute of  
Housing

**Chartered Institute of Housing** @CIHhousing · Sep 4



"Our focus must be on creating homes where safety is paramount and where resident concerns are treated with the gravitas that they deserve. The report highlights critical lessons for all of us working in housing. (3/5)



# Inside Housing

## Grenfell Inquiry report elects not to make specific recommendations for social housing providers

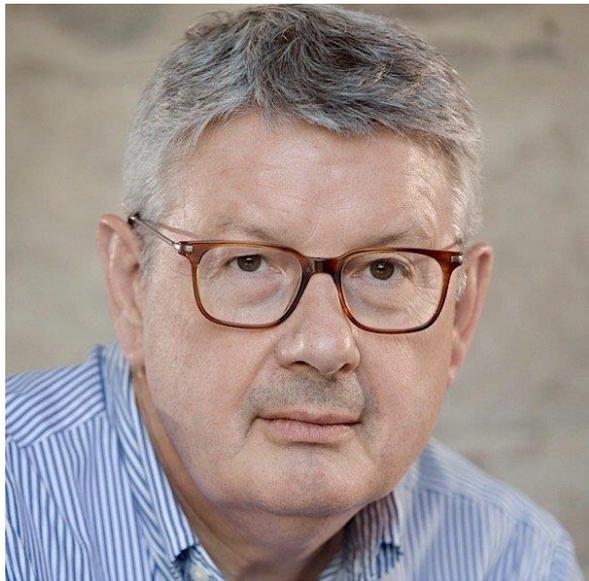
NEWS 04.09.24 11.00 AM BY JAMES RIDING

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry has made no fresh recommendations for social landlords in its long-awaited Phase 2 report, saying recent legal changes are sufficient to drive reform.

## ‘Complacent’ government ‘well aware’ of cladding risks before Grenfell fire but ‘failed to act’

NEWS 04.09.24 11.00 AM BY PETER APPS

A “poorly run”, “complacent” and “defensive” government department “failed to act on what it knew” about dangerous cladding in the years before Grenfell, amid an enthusiasm for deregulation that “dominated” its thinking.



  
**Welsh Cladiators thank Cardiff Councillors Rhys Livsey, & Helen Gunter for attending the Senedd, Seven Years Grenfell Remembrance on 14 June 2024**







Helen Gunter reads "Grenfell Tower" Poem by Ibtihail Hussain at Senedd 14.06.24



# The ongoing (increasing) costs of delay



# Welsh Cladiators



We were furious with the Welsh media yesterday, as they did next to nothing on Grenfell in Wales. **In Wales yesterday based on our media you wouldn't think we have our own building safety crisis**

Also some of us were in a massive legal action on Tuesday with Redrow (a good day for us) and they didn't report it. A real Dafydd v Goliath  
Thankfully we managed to speak to Times Radio - Big Issue - Golwg - LBC Wales.

We're trying to get a £2000 grant to try and set up a housing conference on this subject.

If I get it, I'd like to get you or someone from TPAS Cymru as a speaker want it to be for social and private sector.

# What about Wales?



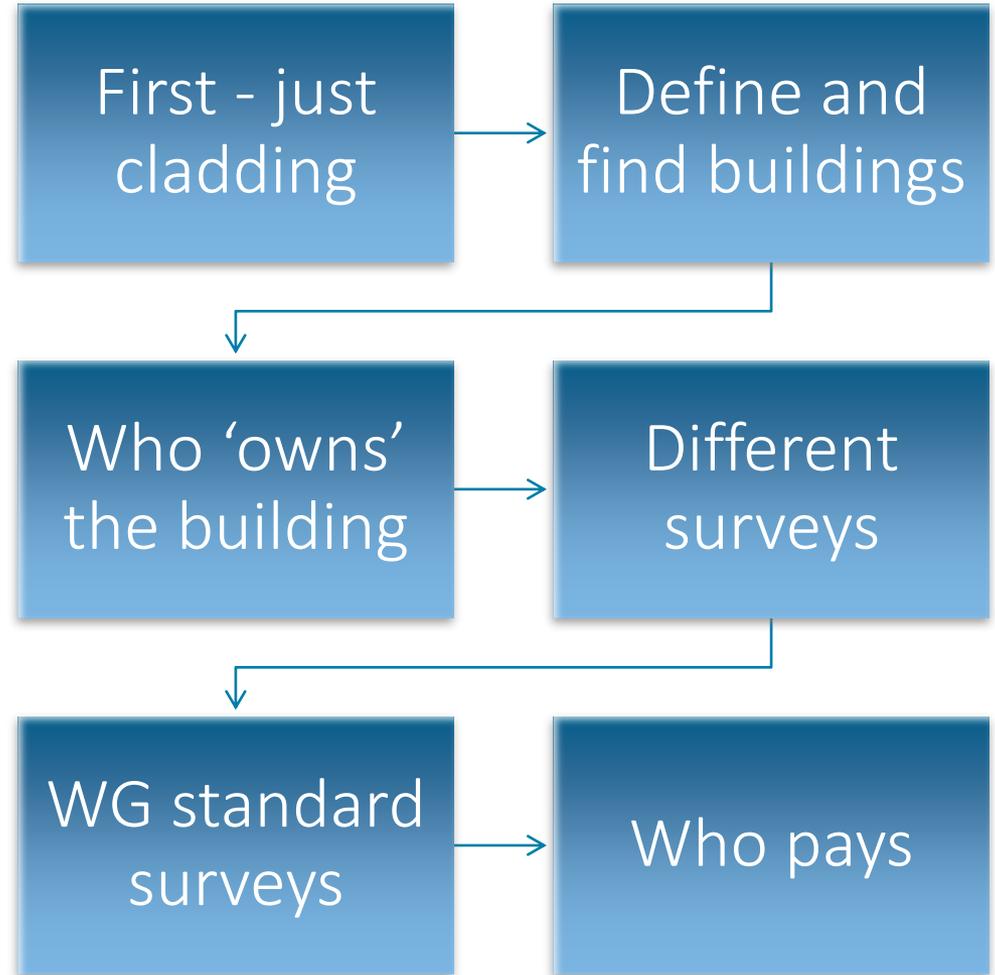
# Wales position according to Welsh Gov

- Currently have 407 buildings in the Welsh Building Safety Programme, *but not all of these buildings have unsafe cladding present.*
- Of the 407 buildings, 238 are private tenure buildings and 169 are social sector buildings.
- Work has been completed (subject to final sign off) on 67 buildings.
- Work has started on 103 buildings.
- Plans are in development for a further 151 buildings.
- Informed that 7 buildings do not require any fire safety works.
- Awaiting further updates on plans for the remaining 79 buildings



# Why has it taken so long?

DRW View

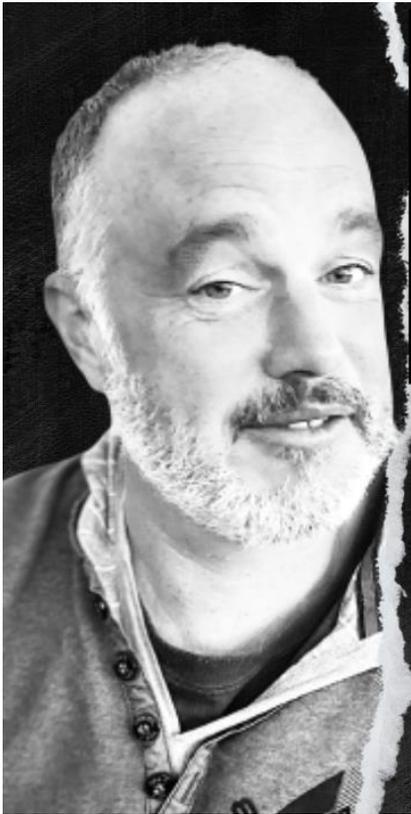


Taxpayer v's people who built these

# Who pays for remediation?



Rank	Change	Consultant	Latest turnover (£m)
1	▲ 1	Barratt	2,035.4
2	▼ -1	Taylor Wimpey	1,808.0
3	▼ 0	Persimmon	1,535.0
4	▲ 1	Berkeley	1,041.1
5	▼ -1	Bellway	886.1
6	▶ 0	Keepmoat	677.1
7	▶ 0	Redrow	452.7
8	▲ 1	Galliford Try	388.5
9	▲ 2	Bovis	364.8
10	▼ -2	Gladedale	339.4



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**WALES**

DISCUSSING  
**GREENFELL REPORT**  
&  
**BUILDING SAFETY IN**  
**WALES**

**LISTEN NOW**



**5 MINS**



# Wales position according to Welsh Gov

- Lessons from the Grenfell tragedy highlighted the need for clear accountability in relation to those who own and manage relevant buildings.
- The Building Safety (Wales) Bill will establish a robust and coherent regulatory system, creating clear lines of accountability, imposing a range of statutory duties on relevant “duty-holders” in respect of the relevant parts of a multi-occupied residential building.



# Welsh Gov's Leaseholder Support Scheme

- The Leaseholder Support Scheme is designed to help people who are in or facing significant financial hardship as a direct result of fire safety issues affecting their property.
- The scheme allows leaseholders to sell their property and where appropriate, provide the option for them to either move on or potentially rent the property back.
- All leaseholders who are eligible for this scheme will receive tailored advice from an Independent Financial Adviser, with the costs fully covered by the Welsh Government.
- We would urge leaseholders to check their eligibility for support by visiting: [Leaseholder Support Scheme | GOV.WALES](#)



# Points I have argued ....over and over

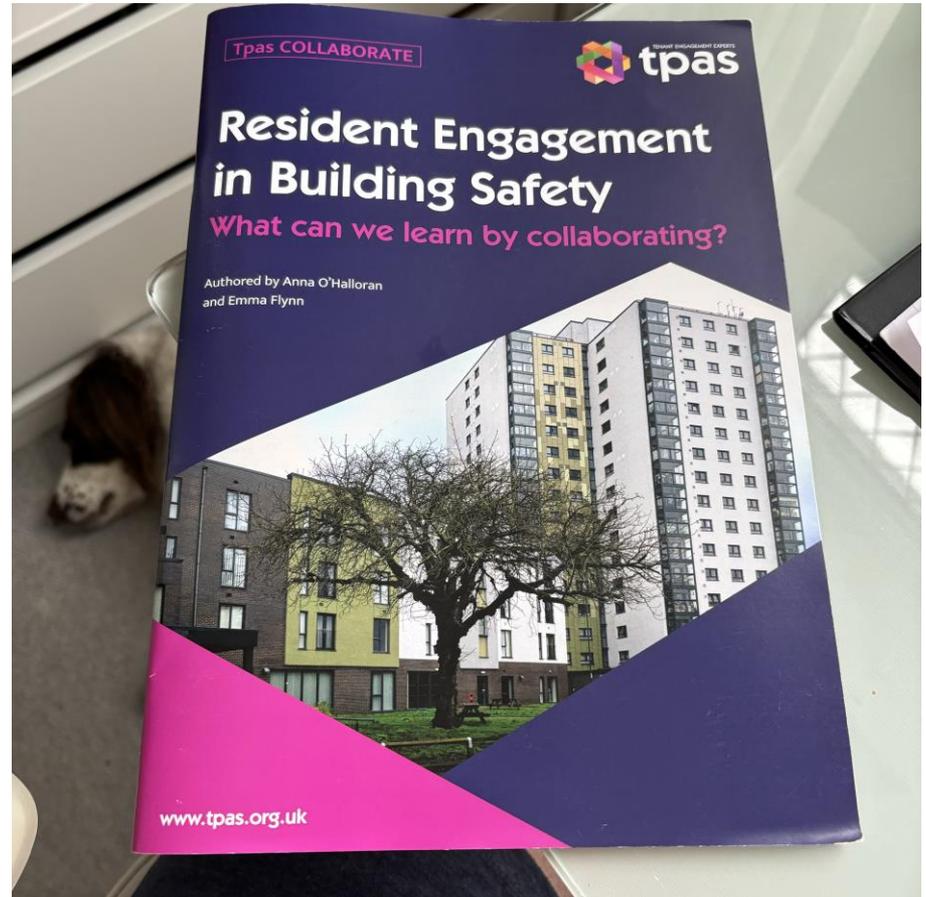
- There needs to be a public register of these buildings
  - Tenants moving in?
  - Confidence to buy a flat
  - Confidence on when buildings will be fixed
  - Avoid insider trading / profiteering
- Too much talk about ‘Leaseholder engagement’ - need to remember not all flats are owner occupiers – don’t forget Tenants!
- The builders who have agreed to fix, should have penalties/restrictions until they fixed



# TPAS Cymru summary

1. Grenfell should not have happened and
2. We need to see the recommendations implemented fast
3. We need to see criminal charges
4. We need Welsh buildings with issues sorted – its been too long now
5. We need better tenant voice and engagement on building management







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Let's  
discuss