

# Grenfell Support Scrutiny update: Q2 2025

Education & Training programme

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# Purpose

There is no scrutiny assessment from the Independent Scrutiny Function on Q2, as we have agreed with the Grenfell Partnerships Team to align scrutiny with school terms (since this is how the programme is delivered). Reporting and scrutiny will therefore take place in January, July and September of every year of programme delivery.

In this document we are, however, providing an assessment of expenditure data for Q1 and Q2 given this data was not available at the time of Q1 scrutiny.

# Q1–Q2 2025 scrutiny: expenditure

*The Grenfell Support Programme is subject to usual council expenditure and budget monitoring and oversight, and an annual external audit. The role of the ISF is to decide whether, overall, expenditure for the programme is as intended, and whether significant changes in expenditure have been recorded and justified.*

## **Is expenditure and predicted spend for the programme as intended?**

Expenditure across the Education & Training programme is broadly in line with expectations for Year 1, with forecasted underspends emerging only where activity has not yet begun (e.g., community bursaries). The ISF notes that this is the first year of delivery and spending patterns reflect the timing of programme launch, delays in clarity around NHS funding and changes in certain delivery activities following discussions with bereaved, survivors and local community members.

# Q1–Q2 2025 scrutiny: expenditure

## What variances are there? Have any decisions been made to reallocate budget?

- B&S bereavement support: GPT had ringfenced £0.07m for this support in case NHS funding could not be secured. Now NHS funding has been secured, GPT will work with bereaved and survivors to decide the best of use this funding.
- B&S dedicated advisor: Bereaved and survivors agreed with GPT that there is no need for a full-time postholder to offer this support, instead the post-holder can split their time across bereaved, survivors and local community adults. Therefore forecasted budget for this offer has been reduced to £0.03m from £0.075m. GPT will work with bereaved and survivors to decide what the remaining funding should be used for before the end of 2025.
- Education Hub: There is a slight overspend in Year 1 as a result of unexpected building costs. GPT are confident this can be mitigated through a slight underspend in following years.
- Community bursaries: It is unclear whether there will be an underspend in Year 1. This is because they had not yet been launched at the end of Q2, so there is no data to estimate uptake of the scheme from December/January to March 2026.
- Community dedicated advisor: Given local community members have agreed to the post-holder splitting their time across bereaved, survivors and local community adults, forecasted spend has increased by the £0.03m originally assigned to the B&S dedicated advisor postholder.

In turn, decisions to reallocate funding have been justified, transparent, and grounded in bereaved, survivor and local community feedback.

From this point on, the ISF would like to receive budget and expenditure updates in each set of reporting (updates can be brief with comments by exception where little has changed). We will review whether this frequency of reporting is still required as the programme continues and becomes more stable. We recommend that the GPT updates bereaved and survivors and the community on E&T budgets and expenditure at least twice per year as part of wider programme reporting.

**Sharing your views and staying in touch**

# Sharing your views and staying in touch

The monitoring and scrutiny arrangements aim to ensure the Grenfell Support programme is delivered transparently and effectively in the interests of bereaved and survivors and community members.

The ISF's monitoring and scrutiny updates will be shared with you via the GPT termly, but your voice is also crucial. To share your views on the programme's delivery and get involved in its scrutiny, you can:

- Provide direct feedback to the GPT by contacting [FutureGrenfellSupport@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:FutureGrenfellSupport@rbkc.gov.uk).
- Provide direct feedback to the ISF by emailing [isf@involve.org.uk](mailto:isf@involve.org.uk) or calling 020 3745 4334.
- Participate in the collective scrutiny & reflection sessions. These are a dedicated sessions with the Council to help understand programme delivery so far, and identify changes needed to the programme (and beyond). There will be one collective scrutiny & reflection session a year on the Education and Training programme, facilitated by the ISF. The ISF will be in touch prior to this with details about how to take part.

You can be involved as much or as little as you would like, and your involvement can vary at different points in the programme depending on your interest and capacity. There is **no** obligation to get involved in these scrutiny processes and your choice to participate or not will not affect your ability to access support.