

## **Resolution Date: 11 June 2017**

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This Branch stands in solidarity with the Grenfell estate survivors. We salute the efforts of the emergency services and the dignity of the local community in the face of this avoidable tragedy. We note that whatever the immediate causes of this disaster, there are questions to be asked concerning the increased marketisation of council and social housing.

We call on Unite and its representations with the Labour Party to:

- Rapidly develop policies which roll back commercialisation of social housing and reinstate council housing as a priority to overcome the housing crisis;
- To ensure council and social housing residents' needs are placed at the centre of these policies and meaningful dialogue is developed, and that all housing placements are suitable for the residents concerned;
- Return to direct labour for local authority construction and maintenance services in all Labour controlled councils and campaign for its return across all local authorities;
- Support local residents in their campaign for a fully independent inquiry with a credible chair;
- Support full ballot rights to estate residents in any ongoing and future regeneration projects. The ballot will follow a comprehensive educational and consultative programme which fully involves residents and their leaders in understanding the economic, social and environmental consequences of any proposals;
- Oppose the demolition of tower blocks that do not have the clear support of residents and immediately make safe all tower blocks regardless of who the landlord is; and
- Commit to repeal the 2016 Housing Act in order to increase regulation of social landlords, restore secure tenancies and reverse changes to planning regulations that give more power to property speculators.