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Barbican Residential Committee	26 March 2012	
Subject: Update Report		
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services		Public
<p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <p>Barbican Estate Office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Plan Objectives, Statistics - see appendix 1 2. Filming 3. Car Park Staff 4. Car Parks – Barbican Arts Centre/Cinema development 5. Security & Cleaning 6. Working Parties – see appendix 4 7. Residents' Summer Party <p>Built Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy <p>Open Spaces Department</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Open Spaces Update <p>Technical Services Division – see appendix 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Redecorations 11. Roof apportionments 12. Trade Centre Podium Works 13. Asbestos 		

14. Technical Services Recharges

15. Sustainability Working Group – **see appendix 5**

16. Public lift availability

City Surveyors Department – see appendix 3

17. Barbican Occupiers Users Group

18. Crossrail

19. Barbican Arts Centre Cinema Relocation

Fringe developments

20. Frobisher Crescent

21. Milton Court Redevelopment

22. Moorgate Telephone Exchange

23. St Alphage House

24. Roman House

25. Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate

26. YMCA

Recommendations that the contents of this report are noted.

Background

This report updates members on issues raised by the Residents' Consultation Committee and the Barbican Residential Committee at their meetings in November/December 2011. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Business Plan Priorities

A copy of the Barbican Estate Improvement Plan for 2011/2012 is attached at appendix 1.

This appendix also includes a list of pending committee reports, Key Performance Indicators and statistics on Car Parking and Baggage Stores.

2. Filming

A draft protocol for filming on the Barbican Estate has been reviewed by the Barbican Estate Office and the City of London Film Office and is currently being reviewed by resident representatives.

3. Car Park Staff

The situation with the Car Park staff remains as stated from the July 2011 update from the Car Park Working Party, in that there will be a recruitment freeze until March 2013 and any vacancies will be filled using staff employed by agencies.

The Agency Workers Regulation (AWR) came into effect financially in December 2011, although there has been an increase in costs, it has not been significant.

4. Car Parks – Barbican Arts Centre/Cinema development

The Barbican Arts Centre has signed two contracts with the Barbican Estate Office for the temporary occupation of 23 car parking bays to facilitate the construction of the Cinema and a further contract for the permanent letting of 6 car parking bays which will be converted into Plant rooms.

The Barbican Estate Office, ISG (the contractor) and City Surveyors are maintaining regular contact.

5. Security & Cleaning

CCTV on the Podium was reviewed by the Barbican Association Security Committee in November 2011, with the decision that it would not be beneficial and that there would be a number of issues and problems in providing the CCTV. Officers will however raise this again at the next

meeting, along with the possibility of reintroducing Estate bins on the podium. Until this meeting, the Cleaning Manager has now implemented an extra visit to Gilbert Bridge as follows:- Monday to Sunday cleaned AM then is checked again at 3.30pm.

6. Working Parties

A list of all current working parties with chairman and members is attached as appendix 4.

7. Residents' Summer Party

The Barbican Estate Office will be holding a Summer Party open to all residents on Friday 8 June from 2.00pm.

Commercial Issues

Where possible redacted versions of commercial sensitive reports will be presented to the RCC before being reported to the Barbican Residential Committee on non public papers.

A number of projects have been moved to the City Surveyor's update as the Corporate Property Group are now taking a lead on these items. The Housing Services Commercial Manager will continue to work in liaison with the City Surveyors Corporate Property Group on these projects.

Built Environment

Officers from the Built Environment Department have provided the following updates:

8. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy

A committee report was approved in December 2009 by the Planning & Transportation and Finance committees to approve the budget to carry out the evaluation of highway works. The evaluation for Moor Lane was approved by Finance Committee in July 2011. Proposals will be progressed to detailed design in the coming months. Works are expected to begin onsite after the Olympic period, in Autumn 2012.

The Highwalks and St Giles' Terrace projects were approved by Streets & Walkways Committee in June 2011. The proposals include new furniture & the restoration of lighting. The restoration of Brickwork and planting proposals for Ben Jonson Highwalk will be progressed at a later date after the Barbican Estate Office carries out investigative drainage works on the Highwalks.

The next project under detailed evaluation is Silk Street and Silk Street/Beech Street Junction. Officers will consult with residents at a later date yet to be determined.

Any resident representatives that want to join the Pre Consultation Working Party for future enhancement works or have queries regarding the projects, please contact Trish Ferreira, Principal Planning Officer on 020 7332 3133 or trish.ferreira@cityoflondon.gov.uk

The Highway Works Detailed Design report is being submitted to Members for consideration in March 2012. This report outlines the recommended option of traffic slowing granite feature junctions and at the request of Members; considers formal crossing points at the junction of Moor Lane and Silk Street and on Silk Street, west of the junction with Milton Street. Works are expected to begin on site in September 2012. For further information on these works, please contact Bronwyn Allen on 020 7332 1208 or bronwyn.claridge@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Open Spaces

Officers from the Department of Open Spaces have provided the following update:

9. Open Spaces

The winter programme is nearing completion and Open Spaces have been carrying out the following:

Pruning shrubs and replanting those areas that have been requested by the BEO, specifically Thomas More Lawn.

It is hoped that as many shrubs as possible will be replanted from Beech Gardens. Wood chips will also be going into Fann St Garden.

The last Garden's Advisory Group meeting was held in February 2012.

As in previous years, Fann Street Wildlife Garden will be participating in Open Garden Squares Weekend held on the 9 and 10 June 2012. All residents are welcome.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 28 November 2011.

Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 12 December 2011

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