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Residents Consultation Committee	14 March 2011	
Barbican Residential Committee	28 March 2011	
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. Fire safety 3. Sustainability 4. Baggage Stores <p>Planning and Transportation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy 6. Listed Building Management Guidelines <p>Environmental Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Code of Practice for Deconstruction and Construction – (Noisy works) <p>Barbican Centre</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Relocation of Cinemas 2 & 3 <p>9. Open Spaces Department</p> <p>Technical Services Division – see appendix 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Cromwell Tower lobby refurbishment 14. Redecorations 15. Roof apportionments 		

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Fringe developments

25. Frobisher Crescent

26. Milton Court/The Heron

27. Moorgate Telephone Exchange

28. St Alphage House

29. Roman House

30. Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate

31. Turret

32. Willoughby Ramp Storage

33. 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 2010. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Business Plan Priorities

A copy of the complete Barbican Estate Improvement Plan covering the period from 2010 to 2013 is attached at appendix 1. A copy of the Barbican Estate plan for 2011 to 14 will be circulated at the meeting.

At future meetings in this financial year a report on progress only will be reported to the committee. This appendix also includes a list of pending committee reports and statistics on Car Parking, Baggage Stores and sub tenancies.

2. Fire Safety

Guidance letters to residents regarding fire escape routes along balconies and the enforcement of the procedures was sent to all residents in March.

3. Sustainability -

A Barbican Residential Committee/ Residents' Consultative Committee working group on sustainability is being set up made up of members of the BRC and RCC, members of the Barbican Association Sustainability Working Group and officers of the City of London. A Terms of Reference is being agreed and the working party will be charged with evaluating proposals to make the Barbican Estate more sustainable, with particular reference to reducing its carbon emissions.

4. Baggage Stores

A question was asked at the last Barbican Residential Committee regarding the demand for baggage stores. In January a letter was sent to all residents on the waiting list for a baggage store asking them if they still required a store and to update their requirements. Some 45 residents are looking to rent a store with a further 26 are looking to swap their existing store for another. However, only 15 residents require stores in areas where it would be possible to supply transportable stores. This will be kept under review.

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.

Planning & Transportation

Officers from the Planning and Transportation Department have provided the following updates:

5. 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. An evaluation report is now being prepared to determine the cost and layout of the highway works (directly adjacent to the building site). A decision is expected to be decided at committee in Spring 2011. In the meantime, the evaluation for Moor Lane is underway. Proposals have been discussed with the pre-consultation working party and a public consultation will take place in March 2011. Two drop in sessions have been arranged with City Officers to discuss the Moor Lane scheme - 15 March from 6pm to 8pm and 24 March from 12pm to 2pm in the Lilac Room.

The Highwalks and St Giles' Terrace projects are also being progressed but are not dependent on Section 106 funding. Therefore these can be implemented once designs are evaluated and committee approval is granted. A public consultation exercise was undertaken in the Summer 2010 with drop in sessions for residents. Revised proposals will be presented to committee for approval in March 2011.

Any resident representatives that want to join the Pre Consultation Working Party for future enhancement works please contact Leigh Sherkin,

Environmental Enhancement Officer on 020 7332 3526 or
leigh.sherkin@cityoflondon.gov.uk

6. Listed Building Management Guidelines

The Working Party for the Listed Building Management Guidelines has reconvened to undertake the 5 year review of the Guidelines. The first meetings took place in February and a series of meetings will follow in 2011 as the review progresses.

Environmental Services

Officers from the Department of Environmental Services have provided the following update:

7. Code of Practice for Deconstruction and Construction – (Noisy Works)

Work is on-going drafting a benchmark document for the Barbican Estate. This will include additional guidance for Frobisher Crescent residents.

Barbican Centre

8. Relocation of Cinemas 2 & 3

The Barbican Centre has submitted the planning permission application to the City of London, proposing a new cinema scheme to be built on the current site of Exhibition Hall 1, on the corner of Beech Street and Whitecross Street.

For further enquiries regarding the planning application, residents are asked to contact the City of London planning team. For Barbican Centre enquiries residents are able to email consultation@barbican.org.uk.

9. Open Spaces issues

The Garden's Advisory Group.

The Garden's Advisory Group was established a year ago and formed of resident representatives and Officers from the Barbican Estate Office and Open Spaces. Key remit areas include:

- Quarterly Joint Inspections with House Officers and Open Spaces Officers
- To comment upon plants being used. To help prioritise new and trial planting schemes for new planters such as those being installed outside Shakespeare Tower - all schemes subject to funding
- To comment upon levels of maintenance being undertaken by Open Spaces such as pruning
- To provide a steer for the RCC and BRC for new projects and trials.

To date, inspections have been carried out in all of the private gardens as well as the podiums, which have informed the priorities of gardening projects across the Estate. The allotment planter scheme has been extended this year following a successful and popular trial and Fann Street Garden will be gaining a wild flower meadow. The group have also been consulted on the levels of seasonal bedding across the Estate.

The Barbican Estate Office is implementing its ongoing wildlife action plan and has started the Spring programme to control the presence of seagulls on the estate.

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 to be “gapped up” by the Barbican Estate Office

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 29 November 2010.

Minutes of Residents’ Consultation Committee 13 December 2010

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