

## **Appendix 1**

### **Barbican Residential Committee Sustainability Working Group Terms of Reference**

The Barbican Residential Committee working group on sustainability ("BRC Sustainability Working Group or "SWG") is a working group made up of a member of the BRC, members of the Residents' Consultation Committee (RCC), residents of the Barbican Estate, members of the Barbican Association Sustainability Working Group and officers of the City of London. The SWG is charged with generating and evaluating proposals to make the Barbican Estate more sustainable, with particular reference to reducing its carbon emissions.

#### ***Terms of Reference***

1. The SWG brings together technical, legal and financial expertise from CoL officers, members, residents and where applicable external resources, such as University College London.

2. The SWG works to improve the sustainability of the Barbican Estate on a cost effective basis including, inter alia:

- reduction of carbon emissions, water usage and household waste, air and light pollution, and
- improving levels of recycling and biodiversity.

3. The SWG works to make recommendations on improving sustainability both in the ways in which the landlord manages the Estate on behalf of residents and also how the landlord can help individual residents live more sustainably.

#### ***Initial work objectives***

1. The SWG works with the CoL to support

- UK government policy to cut emissions in our homes and communities by 29% by 2022 (on 1990 levels)<sup>1</sup> and,
- the Mayor of London's strategy<sup>2</sup> for an overall reduction in London's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 60 % of 1990 levels by 2025.

2. The SWG assists the CoL to act in its capacity as a Local Authority whereby Local Authorities are expected to develop detailed policies to achieve energy efficiency in their Local Development Frameworks and to engage with energy providers, energy conservation organisations<sup>3</sup> and providers of green finance<sup>4</sup> to achieve these objectives.

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<sup>1</sup> As set out in the Climate Change Act 2008

<sup>2</sup> As set out in the London Plan 2009

<sup>3</sup> Such as the Energy Saving trust, carbon trust etc.

This may include:

2.1 Exploration of technical solutions to reduce carbon emissions, suggested by CoL energy team, sustainability team or others, such as University College London (UCL).

2.2 Working with representatives of UCL and others to evaluate different technical solutions.

2.3 Exploring alternative funding streams, including Green Finance solutions with energy providers, technology providers and financial institutions as part of the evaluation process.

2.4 Working with energy providers to secure grants, pilot projects and exploring technical solutions.

2.5 Exploring with government departments and other local authorities possible sustainability solutions that might benefit the Barbican

3. The SWG shall actively engage with residents on the Barbican Estate both directly and through the recognised tenants association and the Estate Office to seek residents' views and to keep them informed of the work of the SWG.

4. The SWG shall agree a detailed schedule of work and a timetable with key milestones.

5. The SWG shall report regularly to the RCC and the BRC in the committee update report.

### ***Meetings***

1. The SWG shall elect a deputy chair.

2. The SWG shall meet in plenary once a quarter, prior to the next RCC and BRC meetings.

3. The SWG shall keep meeting notes.

4. Individual members of the SWG will meet on an ad hoc basis to work on specific issues.

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<sup>4</sup> For example finance provided by specialised lenders or technology providers which either amortises the capital cost of energy improving technology over the life of a lease or the savings on energy bills, as set out in the Green Deal White Paper (and are expected to be brought into law by the Energy Act 2011).