

Committee	Dated:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	30/11/2018
Subject: Gresham Almshouses update	Public
Report of: Director of Community & Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

This report gives Trustees an information update on the Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth. Some of the information in the report also relates to the City of London Almshouses on the estate.

Recommendation

Trustees are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report is presented half yearly to the Trustees of the Gresham Almshouses. It updates Trustees on operational matters relating to the Gresham Almshouses and their residents and highlights any issues of concern, particularly where funding is required which is not included in the current year's budget

Current Position

Waiting List

Currently there are no vacancies within the Gresham Almshouses, there are 3 people on the waiting list all drawn from the current City of London Almshouse residents. One vacancy was filled during the summer from the City list as there were no external applicants from the Square Mile.

Social Activities

Residents have had several events since the last Gresham (City Side) update which have been well attended. They enjoyed a summer picnic in the grounds. Residents from the 2 other sheltered units joined Almshouses residents for a sunny picnic. In reciprocation, Almshouses residents were invited to a "spooky halloween buffet" at Harman Close

Christmas Hamper Delivery

This year's Christmas Hamper delivery will take place on 7 December, transport from the Guildhall will leave at 10am, returning in time for lunch in Members dining room at 1pm. Light refreshments will be served to Trustees and residents during the visit.

Refurbishment Programme

Officers submitted a full planning application to London Borough Lambeth earlier this year for the replacement of all City of London & Gresham Almshouses windows for double glazed units, which would afford residents warm, energy efficient homes. Officers met with LB Lambeth planning officers this week on site; LB Lambeth officers have agreed they would approve double glazing units for all properties except East Lodge and 39 – 44 City of London Almshouses (these are the houses previously known as "Roger's Almshouses"). This is excellent news for the Gresham Almshouse residents who currently have secondary glazing which they are unable to open with any ease due to the weight of the units. It is anticipated Officers will receive approval for the works from LB Lambeth before Christmas.

Monitoring Alarm System

The new monitoring alarm system has been installed and is now operational. Due to technical issues the installation took longer than the expected 3 months, however the system is functioning well now the technical issues have been resolved.

Conclusion

Trustees are asked to note the report.

Appendices

None

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