

**4. Redecorations**

2014/15 Programme

The 2014/15 programme includes the following blocks:

- Cromwell Tower (External)
- Ben Jonson House (External)
- Breton House (External)
- Bunyan Court (Internal)
- Frobisher Crescent (Internal & External)

Tenders for Ben Jonson House and Breton House are due to be returned on 16 May 2014.

Bunyan Court residents opted to defer the internal redecorations

The remaining blocks are due to be tendered in June 2014.

**5. Roof Apportionments.**

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>	Estimated Final Account Verification	Estimated Final Apportionments
Breton House	Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party	N/A	September 2014
Ben Jonson House	Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party	N/A	September 2014
Shakespeare Tower	Committee report being finalised by Officers	N/A	September 2014

## **6. Beech Gardens Podium Works (As at 13 May 2014)**

### Work in progress

The main contractor, VolkerLaser Ltd is continuing with the works that commenced in November 2013 and completion is still envisaged by January 2014. Planning approval is currently being applied for in relation to the finished colour of the pond lining and resident members of the Project Board are playing an active role in this process.

VolkerLaser Ltd are presently working in most areas of the project site boundary and will shortly be reopening sections of the podium to the public, where both waterproofing and tiling have been completed.

### Soft Landscaping

Following development of initial designs by J & L Gibbons, an alternative consultant has been commissioned on the advice of officers from Open Spaces. This consultant has submitted a concept design and is due to present this to the Landscaping Working Party May/June. A resident consultation exercise will take place before concluding the final landscaping design.

## **7. Asset Maintenance Plan**

The Asset Management software (Keystone) went live on 12 May 2014. Although the system has been populated with known asset data there are areas that will require surveys to determine the age, condition and replacement costs. Meetings with the Barbican Asset Management Working Party have been set for the remainder of the year with the next meeting taking place in June. A demonstration of the live system will take place at that meeting.

## **8. Public Lift Availability**

Availability of the public lifts under the control of Property Services is detailed below:

Lift	From April 2012 to March 2013	From April 2013 to March 2014
Turret (Thomas More)	99.9%	99.16%
Gilbert House	100%	99.70%

## **9. Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network**

VFM are about to start work installing the new fibre back-bone within the subway. They will then begin to contact those residents who have expressed an interest in their services in order to commence installation within flats.

There has been a great deal of effort put into this project not least by members of the Television Working Party who have worked with officers to produce an SLA, review the license with VFM and review the detailed design of the network.

A very successful open day took place on 26 February 2014 which saw a large number of residents throughout the day and into the evening.

Updates have also been sent out via the email broadcast and these will increase as the project gets underway. VFM are also producing a comparison sheet detailing the costs of their services compared to services from other major suppliers.

## **10. Concrete Works**

The initial investigation and making safe has been completed to Breton and Mountjoy Houses. The report has been reviewed by the specialist consultant, John Broomfield, who has produced a specification and recommendations for remedial works. Quotations are to be sought for undertaking remedial works.