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<b>Subject:</b> Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines – Volume IV – Landscape SPD – Progress report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Annie Hampson	<b>For Information</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary</b></p> <p>In May 2005, the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines Volumes I and II were adopted. Following a planned review, revised Volumes I and II were adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.</p> <p>Volume IV – Landscape of the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines is now in preparation. A working party has been convened to represent all stakeholders (internal and external) on the estate and 5 meetings have been held to provide a forum for comment on a range of issues affecting the Landscape of the Barbican Estate. The draft text is being finalised and will be presented to Planning and Transportation Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014, requesting approval to carry out a Public Consultation. The Public Consultation would take place during July/August/September. Once this has been completed and all the comments collated, the final document will be presented to your Committee for consideration, prior to approval and adoption as an SPD by the Planning and Transportation Committee.</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the report</li> </ul>	

## Main Report

### **Background**

1. In May 2005, the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines Volumes I & II Supplementary Planning Guidance were adopted by Planning and Transportation Committee.
2. A five year review of the document began in 2010 with the reconvention of the original Working Party. In accordance with the review procedure set out in Volume I, Section 12. Avanti Architects, the consultants for the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines, were retained to assist the process. The revised document was adopted as an SPD in 2012 following public consultation. This is a material consideration in the consideration of applications for planning and listed building consent on the residential part of the Barbican Estate.
3. The introduction to Volume II identified two further Volumes to complete the suite of documents. Volume III (Arts Centre, Schools and other buildings), and Volume IV (Landscaping).
4. In 2013 the opportunity arose to fund Volume IV – Landscaping. It was an optimum time to assess this aspect of the estate and provide formal guidance for the Landscaping in order to inform future projects and proposals.
5. A working party was formed made up of a wide variety of stakeholders on the Barbican Estate. Avanti Architects were retained as consultants to develop the draft text. 5 meetings of the working party have been held since January 2014.
6. Volume IV – Landscaping of the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines comprises of three parts.
7. Part One – Management Guidelines SPD. This relates to the landscape and open space elements of the Estate, considers their architectural significance, and provides Management Guidelines relating to specific elements of the landscape, and guiding how change to these elements should be managed. This includes guidance in the form of the same ‘Traffic Light’ system as Volume II.
8. Part Two – Landscape, including soft landscaping and the potential for the development of a Landscape Management Plan for the Barbican Estate. This part of the document will be concerned with elements of the landscape which are not a part of the statutory designated heritage asset, but which contribute to the significance of the landscaping.
9. Part Three – Best Practice – this guide sets out best practice for a wide range of works. The document will be added to over time, as best practice is agreed between the Department of the Built Environment and stakeholders.

## **Current Position**

10. Following 5 working party meetings the draft document is in the final stages of preparation.
11. Part one of the document is proposed as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to the City of London Development Plan. (Please note: The Core Strategy will form part of the City's Development Plan once the Plan is adopted). SPDs must be prepared in accordance with procedures set out in relevant regulations and public consultation must be carried out in accordance with the City's Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in 2012.
12. It is proposed that the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV - Landscape Draft SPD, and Part Two, Best Practice Guide, should be the subject of formal public consultation in July/August/September 2014. The draft text will be presented to Planning and Transportation Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July requesting approval to proceed to the public consultation stage.
13. At the end of the formal consultation period I will report on the responses received and on any proposed amendments to the SPD as a result, to your Committee, prior to consideration and formal approval by to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

## **Options**

14. There are no financial or risk implications arising from the proposed consultation process.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

15. The draft SPD supports Policy CS12 of the City's Core Strategy and emerging Local Plan, which seeks to safeguard 'the City's listed buildings and their settings, while allowing appropriate adaptation and new uses.'
16. The Community Strategy: The City Together Strategy contains five key themes. The theme relevant to the Barbican Estate is to 'protect, promote and enhance our environment', including the built environment of the City and its public realm.
17. The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Draft SPD, Volume IV supports the Strategic aims of the Departmental Business Plan, relating to the sustainable design of the streets and spaces and the protection and enhancement of the City's built environment. These aims are met by promoting the protection and enhancement of the Barbican Estate.
18. An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out once the draft text is complete.
19. A Sustainability Appraisal Screening will be carried out once the draft text is complete.

## **Implications**

20. There are no financial implications or key risks associated with the proposal.

## **Conclusion**

21. Members are recommended to note this report and the information contained within it.

## **Appendices**

None

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