

Report – Planning and Transportation Committee Adoption of the Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy

To be presented on Thursday, 3rd December 2015

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY

- 1. This report seeks approval for the adoption of the revised Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy and to inform Members of the results of the public consultation and the subsequent revisions to the strategy.
- 2. A copy of the revised Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy is available from the Town Clerk's Department in hard copy (contact Katie Odling Katie.odling@cityoflondon.gov.uk) and in the Members' Reading Room. It is also available online here.

RECOMMENDATION: That,

- the Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy be adopted; and
- top up funding of £24,688 from Parking Surplus to cover staff time until completion of the Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy be noted.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The original strategy was adopted in 2008 and resulted in the successful implementation of all high priority projects.

- 2. The strategy has been reviewed and updated over the last year in order to analyse the changing area within the context of new developments and improvements.
- 3. The revised strategy -
 - recognises the key qualities of the area and the listed estates and gardens;
 - analyses the possible impact of changes in the area and identifies new issues;
 - takes account of developments; including the delivery of Crossrail services to Farringdon and Moorgate in 2019, major residential and office schemes at The Heron (Milton Court), Roman House, St Alphage House and One London Wall Place;
 - takes account of the development of a 'cultural hub' by the City of London Corporation together with the Museum of London, the Barbican Centre, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and London Symphony Orchestra: and
 - notes that the City of London Corporation has an unparalleled opportunity to enhance the international cultural district through a renewed public realm strategy.
- 4. Public consultation for the draft area strategy was carried out in two stages -

Public engagement - Stage 1: information gathering

This first stage took place during the summer of 2014 and included a variety of consultation methods to ensure the greatest breadth of information. A total of 4253 individual responses were received following which the feedback was analysed and distilled into 15 Key Findings and then summarised into five objectives which underpinned each of the 38 proposals in the delivery plan.

Public engagement - Stage 2: consultation on the draft strategy

The second public consultation exercise was undertaken from 8 May to 8 July 2015. A variety of consultation methods were utilised to ensure a broad coverage and a total of 388 written submissions were received by the July 8 deadline.

A copy of the feedback, analysed by independent consultants, has been provided in the Members' reading room along with a copy of the final area strategy.

5. Funding for each work programme and project will be subject to confirmation, however, it is anticipated that the majority of the funding for these projects will be from external sources such as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions for existing and future developments, Transport for London, Section 106 and Section 278 Agreements.

Conclusion

6. The Barbican and Golden Lane Area Strategy has been revised in response to the public consultation feedback to ensure the document reflects the needs of the City community. It sets out a Delivery Plan which identifies the projects arising from the strategy, prioritises them and indicates estimated funding requirements for delivery. Your Committee recommends the adoption of this Strategy.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 8th September 2015.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Michael Welbank, MBE Chairman, Planning and Transportation Committee