

Committee:	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	12 February 2016
Subject: City of London Gresham Almshouses Update	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

This report gives Trustees and Members an information update on the City of London Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.
- Note the decision made by Community & Children's Services Committee on 15 January 2016 regarding the future of Mais House at point 4 of the report.

Main Report

Background

This report is presented half yearly to 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 for which is not included in the current year's budget.

Communal garden wall

1. The work to repair the garden wall has been completed; there is one outstanding action to replace the intruder guards on the adjoining wall of neighbouring homes. This has been ordered and delivery/installation will be undertaken as soon as the guards are on site.

Vacant Properties

2. There has been one vacant property, no 3 Gresham. Officers advertised in the Square Mile social housing estates for interest in moving into the Gresham bungalow however no applications were received. Officers offered the property to the next City of London Almshouses resident on the waiting list. There are currently four applicants on this waiting list.

Tree pruning

3. The previously commissioned report regarding the condition of the trees from London Borough of Islington has been utilised to request permission from London Borough Lambeth for permission to prune/pollard selected trees and

any other recommended maintenance issues. Officers are awaiting the decision from LB Lambeth for a start date for the work.

Community and Children's Services Committee decision

4. On 15 January 2016 the Community and Children's services Committee were asked to make a decision regarding the future of Mais House, a sheltered Housing estate owned by the City of London, as part of the Sheltered Housing Review. Members resolved to the redevelopment of Mais House as lifetime homes prioritised for older people. As there are currently 53 residents at Mais House, officers will be tasked in supporting those residents to move to alternative accommodation over the next 2 – 3 years, which may include City of London Almshouses.

Christmas hampers

5. Residents have expressed their thanks to Members for visiting on 9 December to deliver Christmas hampers and to enjoy seasonal refreshments. The hampers were purchased from Marks & Spencer and were well received.

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