

- 1. Re VFM. The Property Services update report is understandably brief. However, recent information from VFM to residents is that VFM is still being prevented from accessing the proper conduits in the seventh-floor access deck for installation of “fibre to the flat”. The flats are designed to be served from these existing conduits. On the lower floors’ access decks of Bryer Court, VFM has successfully used such conduits to install their broadband services to the flats. Can Property Services please confirm that the discussions reported are about allowing VFM access to the existing conduits in the access deck that serves the seventh-floor flats? If that is not what is reported please can it be explained the novel route he has been discussing with VFM in sufficient detail so that residents may understand the matter fully?**

The layout on the 7th floor differs from that on lower floors. An alternative route has been agreed with VFM to take a connection from the 6th floor to the roof of the 7th floor and run the cable through this roof space

Those residents that have requested the service will be connected, including the installation of the new socket required

Cables will be available in the roof space for those that currently have not requested the service

A meeting with the installation contractor will take place week commencing 5th March to agree the start date. Residents will be kept updated and contacted to arrange installation

- 2. The ‘Garchey Area’ below Shakespeare Tower often receives commercial food waste wrapped in distinctive dark-red plastic bags. Usually these left lying on the ground. Apparently, the producer of the waste has paid the BEO for a service which involves permission to dump and the removal of the waste. On two recent occasions the bags were left for so long (well over 2 weeks in one case) that they eventually burst, creating a health hazard and nuisance. Can the BEO review whether its procedures for dealing with commercial food waste disposal in the ‘Garchey Area’ are 1) adequate and 2) being operated appropriately?**

The producer of the waste is a commercial tenant of the Barbican. As with all commercial enterprises, they must organise for their waste to be collected. This is not through the BEO. We have spoken with the tenant who has been struggling with their private waste collection contract and we’ve asked they be more proactive about ensuring it is collected. The BEO Cleaning team will monitor over the next few weeks.

3. Can you provide the latest budget for the Barbican car parks - ideally a comprehensible profit and loss account and is there a balance sheet as well?
4. The expected impact on the profit and loss account of the baggage stores (assuming they are all let)?

CAR PARKING	Present
Rents (per bay)	£1258
Income	
Rent	£873,000
Service Charge	£262,000
Fees	£69,000
Total Income:	£1,204,000
Expenditure	
Staff	£985,000
Repairs and Maintenance	£144,000
Rates and Water	£68,000
Cleaning	£16,000
Energy	£28,000
Supplies and Services	£11,000
Computers Recharges	£22,000
Insurance	£29,000
Supervision and Management	£187,000
Technical Services	£10,000
Sub Total:	£1,500,000
Capital Charges	£148,000
Total Expenditure:	£1,648,000
Deficit	£444,000

STORES	Present
Rents – existing stores	
Standard (size 12.92 sq. ft)	£313
Medium (size 32.29 sq. ft)	£373
Large (size 40.90 sq. ft)	£440

Income – existing stores	
Rent –	£372,000
Other - service charge, lockers and admin cost	£8,000
Total Income:	£380,000
Expenditure	
Staff	£7,000
Repairs and Maintenance	£7,000
Cleaning	£6,000
Computers Recharges	£1,000
Supervision and Management	£30,000
Technical Services	£2,000
Sub Total:	£53,000
Capital Charges	£210,000
Total Expenditure:	£263,000
Surplus:	£117,000

COMBINED CAR PARKING AND STORES	Present
Car Parking - Deficit	£444,000
Stores - Surplus	£117,000
Nett position – (Deficit) or Surplus	(£327,000)

5. The table on page 36 of the RCC pack shows how many flats have been sold and how many are occupied by tenants of the City of London. Can you please provide a similar table that shows, by block, how many of the sold flats are now sub-let to private tenants according to the Barbican Estate Office's records.

Unfortunately due to annual leave, the BEO is not able to provide this information ahead of the 05 March RCC. We will provide by the end of March to the Committee.

