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Barbican Residential Committee	27 September 2010	
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Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services		Public
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30. Roman House

31. Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate

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33. Willoughby Ramp Storage

34. YMCA

Recommendations That the contents of this report are noted.

Background

This report updates members on issues raised by the Residents' Consultation Committee and the Barbican Residential Committee at their meetings in June 2010. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Business Plan Priorities

A copy of the complete Barbican Estate Improvement Plan covering the period from 2010 to 2013 is attached at appendix 1.

At future meetings in this financial year a report on progress only will be reported to the committee. This appendix also includes a list of pending committee reports and statistics on Car Parking, Baggage Stores and sub tenancies.

2. Barbican Staffing Issues - Pay & Grading review

The Corporate Allowances Working Party reported to the Establishment committee in June. The review will have no significant budgetary impact on the Barbican Estate finances. The issue is now completed.

3. Car Parks

The Barbican Estate Office has reviewed the provision of secure bicycle hoops/stands in the Car Parks and new equipment has been provided in Defoe and Andrewes Car Parks.

Officers from the Department of Planning and Transportation have confirmed that they are satisfied that the branding carried out by Heron in Willoughby Car Park is in keeping with their Listed Building Consent Design Statement.

4. Fire Safety

The Barbican Estate Office have received guidance and advice from the London Fire Brigade and the Comptroller and City Solicitor regarding fire escape routes along balconies and the enforcement of the procedures which have been drawn up. A copy of the proposed letter to residents will be sent to the Chairs of the RCC and Barbican Association in September. It is anticipated that guidance letters will be sent to residents in October/November.

5. Frobisher Crescent Development – Management Issues

An update on outstanding issues is included in Appendix 4

6. Residents Meeting

A meeting for residents of Aldersgate and Cripplegate wards will take place on 21 September at the Golden Lane Estate Community Hall.

7. Sustainability -

The Barbican Estate Office are working with a partnership who are keen to develop a project to review sustainability on the estate considering issues such as an energy study. A joint meeting has taken place with officers from the Barbican Estate Office, the Barbican Association Sustainability Sub Group and the 80:80 Partnership.

Commercial Issues

Where possible redacted versions of commercial sensitive reports will be presented to the RCC before being reported to the Barbican Residential Committee on non public papers.

A number of projects have been moved to the City Surveyor's update as the Corporate Property Group are now taking a lead on these items. The Housing Services Commercial Manager will continue to work in liaison with the City Surveyors Corporate Property Group on these projects.

8. Pintxos Shakespeare Tower

The letting completed on 12 July and fitting out work are in progress.

Planning & Transportation

Officers from the Planning and Transportation Department have provided the following updates:

9. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy

A committee report was approved in December 2009 by the Planning & Transportation and Finance committees to approve the budget to carry out the evaluation of highway works. An evaluation report is now being prepared to determine the cost and layout of the highway works (directly adjacent to the building site). A decision is expected to be decided at committee in Autumn 2010. Only after these works are determined can the remaining street enhancement projects be progressed.

The Highwalks and St Giles' Terrace projects are also being progressed but are not dependent on Section 106 funding. Therefore these can be implemented once designs are evaluated and committee approval is granted. The Planning & Transportation Department has appointed Landscape consultants for these projects and a presentation took place in May to a Pre Consultation Working Party. A series of drop in sessions for residents have been set up for August/September which will ask for their feedback on the proposals.

Any resident representatives that want to join the Pre Consultation Working Party for future highway works please contact Leigh Sherkin, Street Scene Officer on 020 7332 3526 or leigh.sherkin@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Environmental Services

Officers from the Department of Environmental Services have provided the following update:

10. Code of Practice for Deconstruction and Construction – (Noisy Works)

Work is on-going drafting a benchmark document for the Barbican Estate. This will include additional guidance for Frobisher Crescent residents.

11. Barbican Occupiers Group

A Barbican Occupiers Group has been set up by the City Surveyor's Department with Officers from the City of London Corporation to review all of the interface areas on the Barbican Estate in terms of ownership and responsibility in dealing with, for example, access, signage, ponding, repairs and maintenance, St Giles Terrace. The third meeting took place in September.

Barbican Centre

12. Licensing Protocols

Following concerns raised regarding the consultation process in respect of the licensing application, the Barbican Estate Office (BEO) has had confirmation that the Barbican Centre will ensure that there is BEO representation on the group which is drawing up a protocol to address issues arising from the new license. There have been no meetings to date.

13. Relocation of Cinemas 2 & 3

The third Residents Consultation meeting is scheduled for the 15 September (Garden Room, Level 3, 6.30pm). This is the final opportunity for Residents to feed into the designs and management plans for the facility before the report gets submitted for Planning. There will also be a question and answer session where Residents can ask questions to the Centre's panel comprising senior staff from a range of departments who can respond to all types of query. These latest designs were also published in the latest edition of Podium (#54 August/September). Residents are able to contact the Centre at all times on this issue by emailing : consultation@barbican.org.uk.

14. Open Spaces issues

At the end of September, the summer-flowering species will be stripped from the beds to be replaced with hardier, spring-flowering species such as Pansy and Wallflower. These in turn will be under-planted with spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodil and tulip.

The programme of seasonal pruning works is continuing throughout the gardens. The planting areas in the lakes will be cut back (in accordance with standard management practice) during November as the summer foliage dies back. This will help reduce the nutrients from this year's growth leaching

back into the water as the plants naturally decay.

The third meeting of the Gardens Advisory Group with residents' representatives and Officers from the Barbican Estate Office and the Open Spaces Department took place in August. This included discussions about the extension of the allotment planters for residents and a 'walkround' inspection of Willoughby/Speed Highwalk as well as Speed Lawn.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 7 June 2010.

Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 21 June 2010

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