

Committees: Residential Consultation Committee Barbican Residential Committee (For Information)	Dates: 29 th November 2010 13 th December 2010	Item No.
Subject: Barbican Occupiers User Group – RCC Representation	Public	
Report of: City Surveyor	For Decision	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>The report advises on the recently formed Barbican Occupiers User Group, it outlines the aims and objectives of this group and seeks the nomination of a representative from the Residential Consultation Committee be appointed to attend the Group meetings.</p> <p>The aims and objectives of the Barbican Occupiers User Group are to identify the long standing property issues and coordinate any necessary actions to resolve these.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee nominate a representative from Residential Consultation Committee to the Barbican Occupiers User Group.		

Main Report

Background

1. The Report sets out to fully advise Members on the recent approach, as agreed by the Corporate Asset Sub Committee, to put together a Strategic Asset Management Plan for the whole Barbican area to the address and coordinate long standing property issues. The formation of the Barbican Occupiers User Group was considered a good focus group for drawing together stakeholders who need to be engaged in developing the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

2. The aim is of the Barbican Occupier User Group is:
 - The sharing of information on property issues between occupying departments and tenants of this large integrated complex which has multiple stakeholder interests. Drawing on the wealth of understanding of the historic problems and current issues by stakeholders.
 - Identifying overlapping responsibilities and areas where the asset management position is unclear and confirm roles and responsibility for stewardship of this asset.
 - Coordinating common repairs and maintenance issues to be addressed by the Group
3. The inaugural meeting was held to establish the Group with representation the various Departments with interests on the Barbican:-
 - Barbican Centre
 - Barbican Estate Office
 - Libraries
 - Community & Children's Services
 - Environmental Services
 - Planning & Transportation
 - Guildhall School of Music & Drama
 - City of London School for Girls
 - St Giles Church
4. In addition it was agreed that the Barbican Occupiers User Group be expanded to include the Barbican YMCA, the LSO and the Barbican Residential Consultation Committee.

Current Position

5. The Barbican Occupiers User Group currently meets quarterly.
6. An early picture of the overall Barbican issues is emerging and being defined into a coherent schedule of issues. The meetings have allowed

strategies to be identified on how to resolve issues and action plans to be developed. From the first three meetings macro and micro concerns have been captured to form part of a framework for addressing these long term issues. Results have already been generated with positive feedback.

7. To assist the Group, especially where its members are not directly involved with service delivery, a sub-group of officers has been formed. They are currently identifying the areas of responsibility where ownership is unclear and also highlighting where there is no defined responsible stakeholder. This information will be presented to the Group for discussion, and proposed solutions to address this identified. This will ensure future issues can be managed efficiently between the specific parties involved.

Proposal

8. With the complex interaction of disparate users and occupiers of the Barbican the wider inclusion of all interested parties offers the opportunity for collaboration and agreement to resolve issues.
9. The invitation to the Residential Consultation Committee to nominate a representative to the Group is seen as a positive and further important element in establishing a comprehensive and inclusive Group.

Financial and Risk Implications

10. The management and maintenance of the Barbican is through a variety of Departments with different budgetary controls, liabilities and restrictions. By working together there may be some efficiencies which can be identified in delivering property management and maintenance to the wider Barbican area.

Corporate Property Implications

11. The coordinated and improved management and maintenance programme will be a positive opportunity to develop the Strategic Asset Management Plan for the Barbican area. Stakeholders can be engaged in identifying their key priorities and the short, medium and long term issues to be addressed.

Strategic Implications

12. This supports the City's strategic aim to provide modern, efficient and high quality local services for workers, residents and visitors whilst delivering sustainable outcomes. In particular it meets the City's priorities to improve

our efficiency whilst maintaining the quality of our services and being a good neighbour.

Consultees

13. The Chamberlain, and Comptroller & City Solicitor have been consulted in the preparation of this report

Conclusion

14. The Barbican Occupiers User Group will enable an inclusive forum for discussion and debate, to facilitate agreement on key priorities to be addressed and how this can be achieved. The Group will also provide stakeholders with a greater understanding of the wider issues facing their neighbours and how these impact on the decision making processes, which will enable a Strategic Asset Management Plan to be produced.

Background Papers:

None

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