#### **Technical Update**

#### Appendix 2

#### 13. Cromwell Tower Lobby Refurbishment

The final phase which involves specialist artwork was due to start during the week commencing 15 November and is due to complete on 22 November 2010.

#### 14. Redecorations

The blocks included in the 2010/11 programme are:

- a. Ben Jonson House Internal
- b. Breton House Internal
- c. Willoughby House External
- d. Brandon Mews External

Both Brandon Mews and Willoughby House are complete. The expected completion date for Ben Jonson and Breton House is 17 December 2010.

Condition surveys are being carried out on the blocks due to be redecorated in 2011/12. They include:

The Postern

Thomas More House

Mountjoy House

Seddon House

Andrewes House

Lauderdale Tower

Shakespeare Tower

Bryer Court

Lambert Jones Mews

# **15.** Roof Apportionments and Roof Guarantees.

The Barbican Association has appointed another member to the Roof Apportionment working party.

| BLOCK                         | CURRENT STATUS   | Estimated Final<br>Account<br>Verification | Estimated Final<br>Apportionments |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Seddon House                  | Final Apportionment to be<br>carried out. Passed to<br>Working Party Jan 2010. | N/A  | Jan 2011                          |
| Bryer Court                   | Final Apportionment to be<br>carried out. Passed to<br>Working Party Aug 2010  | N/A  | Jan 2011                          |
| Breton House                  | Queries being answered by the consultant                                       | Dec 2010                                   | Feb 2011                          |
| Ben Jonson<br>House           | Queries being answered by the consultant                                       | Dec 2010                                   | Feb 2011                          |
| John Trundle/<br>Bunyan Court | Final Apportionment to be<br>carried out. Passed to<br>Working Party Aug 2010  | N/A  | Jan 2011                          |
| Shakespeare<br>Tower          | Final Apportionment to be<br>carried out. Passed to<br>Working Party Dec 2009  | N/A  | Jan 2011                          |

With the exception of Ben Jonson and Breton House, draft final apportionments are with the Barbican Association roof sub-committee. We await a response in order to answer any queries.

The following data is held regarding the roof guarantees and their expiry date. It has been agreed that letters will be written to all top floor flats 1 year before expiry to determine any work that may be required under the guarantee

| Block              | Roof Type   | End       |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Andrewes House     | Barrel Roof | Sept 2014 |
| Andrewes House     | Flat Roof   | Jan 2016  |
| Andrewes House     | Balcony     | Jan 2016  |
| Ben Jonson House   | Barrel Roof | Dec 2019  |
| Ben Jonson House   | Balcony     | Apr 2025  |
| Ben Jonson House   | Flat Roof   | Oct 2023  |
| Breton House       | Flat Roof   | Oct 2023  |
| Breton House       | Balcony     | Apr 2025  |
| Breton House       | Barrel Roof | Aug 2018  |
| Bryer Court        | Barrel Roof | Dec 2020  |
| Bryer Court        | Flat Roof   | May 2025  |
| Bryer Court        | Balcony     | May 2025  |
| Bunyan Court       | Barrel Roof | Dec 2020  |
| Bunyan Court       | Flat Roof   | Mar 2025  |
| Bunyan Court       | Balcony     | Mar 2025  |
| Cromwell Tower     | Flat Roof   | Dec 2010  |
| Defoe House        | Barrel Roof | Mar 2016  |
| Defoe House        | Flat Roof   | Dec 2024  |
| Defoe House        | Balcony     | Dec 2024  |
| Gilbert House      | Barrel Roof | Oct 2015  |
| Gilbert House      | Flat Roof   | Apr 2021  |
| Gilbert House      | Balcony     | Apr 2021  |
| John Trundle Court | Flat Roof   | Mar 2025  |
| John Trundle Court | Balcony     | Mar2025   |
| John Trundle Court | Barrel Roof | Dec 2020  |
| Lauderdale Tower   | Flat Roof   | Jan 2013  |
| Mountjoy House     | Barrel Roof | May 2020  |
| Mountjoy House     | Flat Roof   | Oct 2024  |
| Mountjoy House     | Balcony     | Oct 2024  |
| Seddon House       | Flat Roof   | Nov 2024  |
| Seddon House       | Balcony     | Nov 2024  |
| Seddon House       | Barrel Roof | Mar 2025  |
| Shakespeare Tower  | Flat Roof   | Jan 2013  |
| Speed House        | Flat Roof   | Mar 2020  |
| Speed House        | Balcony     | Mar 2020  |
| Speed House        | Barrel Roof | Mar 2015  |
| Thomas More House  | Barrel Roof | Oct 2017  |
| Thomas More House  | Flat Roof   | Dec 2024  |
| Thomas More House  | Balcony     | Dec 2024  |
| Willoughby House   | Flat Roof   | Jun 2011  |
| Willoughby House   | Balcony     | Jun 2011  |
| Willoughby House   | Barrel Roof | Jun 2011  |

## 16. Barbican Estate Repairs & Maintenance Service

Following advice from the City Solicitor, the type of contract proposed has had to be amended resulting in some of the work that would have been done during the first year of the contract has to carried out prior to tender. This work is almost complete and tenders are likely to be sought in December.

## 17. Restructuring

The restructure of technical is still under review. A restructure of the senior management team reporting to the Housing Services Director has been agreed by the Barbican Residential Committee and Community and Children's Services Committee. The restructure of Technical will follow the completion of the senior management restructure.

# **18.** Asset Maintenance Plan

The working party has been set up and an initial meeting will take place on 30 November 2010.

## 19. Asbestos

Drawings to common parts are now complete. Surveys will be complete by the end of November. Reports are being reviewed and remedial works are being carried out where necessary. Representative surveys are being carried out to the City's rented properties

## 20. Water Pressures

Thames Water has recently carried out a water pressure survey. This involved installing 6 internal and 10 external pressure loggers to various areas. The survey was over a 3 week period in October and a report is being produced by Thames Water detailing the results, implications and possible options. A report on the findings will be reported to a future meeting.

## 21. Power Surges

Investigations into the effects of power supply fluctuations on landlords supplies have been carried out and results show that the effect on equipment is negligible. Residents who are affected by fluctuating supplies will be advised to contact their energy supplier. Equipment installed in Sun Dial continues to be monitored and early indications show that there have been no issues with the equipment installed and there is an anticipated reduction in energy consumption. Once the level of reduction in consumption is known, we will investigate whether the equipment can be installed on the Landlord's lighting and power circuits and determine whether the savings outweigh the capital outlay required to install the equipment

#### 22. Public Lift Availability

Availability of the public lifts under the control of Technical Services are detailed below

| Lift           | From April 2009 to March 2010 | From April to September |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                |                               | 2010                    |
| Wood Street    | N/A                           | 94.77%                  |
| Little Britain | N/A                           | 100%                    |
| West Pavilion  | N/A                           | 100%                    |
| Turret         | 99.94%                        | 99.98%                  |
| Gilbert House  | 99.22%                        | 99.97%                  |

We now have a number of public lifts connected to the Central Monitoring Unit (CMU). These came on line during August so the figures above represent approx. 6-8 weeks availability. In the case of the Wood Street lift, checks are being made on the software as there were two occasions where the lift was showing as out of service on the CMU but upon investigation, the lift was in service. There continues to be a software problem with the Moor Lane and East Pavilion lifts and discussions are taking place with the lift contractors and the software company to rectify this