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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 September 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. Car Parking Price Increase

It was agreed at the meeting of the Barbican Residential Committee in January 2009, that car parking charges would be reviewed annually and any increases in charges would be implemented in June 2009 and then annually from March 2010 for the following two years. The increases are to be based on the Retail Price Index for the previous September. As from 24 March 2011 charges will increase by 3.16% over the current rates. The new rates will be as follows:-

- a. annual residential car parking licences increase from £1,038 to £1,070;
- b. daily car parking charges increases from £8.50 to £8.75;
- c. annual commercial car parking licences increases from £4,460 to £4,600;
- d. administration fees for new car bay licences increases from £52 to £53;

- e. annual fees for electrical mobility scooters increases from £346 to £356;
- f. annual fees for bicycle lockers increases from £73 to £75;

3. Fire Safety

It is anticipated that guidance letters to residents regarding fire escape routes along balconies and the enforcement of the procedures will be sent to all residents in December.

4. Frobisher Crescent Development – Management Issues

An update on outstanding issues is included in Appendix 4

5. 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 special meeting of the RCC will take place on 2 December at 18.30 to discuss sustainability.

6. Non-Statutory Consultation -

The Barbican Estate Office has reviewed the protocol for non-statutory consultation for small projects in the communal areas of the blocks (including, for example, carpet replacement, lighting or security improvements). The Barbican Estate Office currently review such projects based on factors such as necessity, reasonableness and value for money and where necessary consult with Long Leaseholders and or the House Group Committee. Following the review the current protocol will continue.

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.

7. Pintxos Shakespeare Tower

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

Planning & Transportation

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

8. 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 Spring 2011. In the meantime, the evaluation for Moor Lane is underway. Proposals have been discussed with the pre-consultation working party and a public consultation will take place in March or April 2011.

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. A public consultation exercise was undertaken in the Summer 2010 with drop in sessions for residents. Proposals are currently being redesigned to take into account the results of the consultation and revised proposals will be presented to the working party on 18 January 2011 before going to committee.

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:

9. 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.

Barbican Centre

10. Relocation of Cinemas 2 & 3

The third residents consultation meeting took place on the 15 September. The content of the meeting comprised a design update from the architects AHMM and the presentation of the draft operational management plan by Sir Nicholas Kenyon. There was also an opportunity for residents to feed into this plan, and ask senior Barbican staff questions. Overall a positive meeting, the next steps of the process is for the Centre to submit the designs to Planning. This is due to happen mid-November 2010. Residents are able to contact the Centre at all times on the cinema relocation issue by emailing :consultation@barbican.org.uk.

11. Open Spaces issues

The planting areas in the lakes have been cut back (in accordance with standard management practice) during October 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 fourth meeting of the Gardens Advisory Group with residents' representatives and Officers from the Barbican Estate Office and the Open Spaces Department took place in October. This included discussions about the extension of the allotment planters for residents and a 'walkround' inspection of the Fann Street Wildlife Garden.

Fann Street Wildlife Garden has been asked to take part again in the London Parks and Gardens Trust annual Open Garden Squares Weekend on the 11 and 12 June 2011. London Parks & Gardens Trust aims to increase knowledge and appreciation of parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries and churchyards which form vital parts of London's Open Space Network. Tickets are sold for the weekend - this allows people to visit over

190 gardens across London, many of which are not normally open to the public.

Over 250 visitors came to the garden this year - many of them were Barbican Residents who were visiting for the first time. The proceeds from the ticket sales are split between the trust and the gardens who take part. The Barbican Wildlife group received funds for opening the garden this year, which will be spent on plants for the garden.

Fann Street Garden is one of the largest wildlife gardens in the City and it provides a great show case to let people see how they can improve their gardens for wildlife and biodiversity. It is a great promotional opportunity for the Barbican Estate and shows the dedication and care that the residents have for their open spaces.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 13 September 2010.

Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 27 September 2010

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