



## Delegated Authority and Urgency Decisions

**Delegated or Urgent Decisions taken in accordance with the Court of Common Council's Standing Orders**

**Date: 25 MAY 2020 - 31 MAY 2020**

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**John Barradell  
Town Clerk**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: CITY CASH CONTINGENCY FUND FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF - DONATION TO ST JOHN AMBULANCE**

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| <b>Committee:</b><br>Finance Committee   | <b>Date:</b><br>23 June 2020 |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance | <b>Public</b>                |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Town Clerk  | <b>For Information</b>       |
| <b>Report author:</b><br>Rofikul Islam, Town Clerk's Department  |                              |

## Summary

This report advises Members of a Delegated Authority taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(b)

## Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

**SUBJECT:** City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance

## BACKGROUND:

1. The City of London Corporation has been decisive in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic through its work as a Charitable funder. The emergency needs of the Charity Sector and Communities in London are being well supported, through the City Bridge Trust (CBT), London Community Response Fund and the initial donations made through the International Disaster Fund (IDF).
2. At the start of the lockdown it was agreed that the IDF should explore options to support organisations working in the UK in response to the Pandemic. The DEC has not launched an appeal specifically for work in the UK. It was therefore decided that consideration should be given to supporting organisations which were responding at a national and local level, providing the work fell outside the eligibility of CBT and focused on emergency relief in line with the IDF agreed policy.
3. The IDF has an annual budget of £100,000. In the 2019/20 financial year there was an underspend of £25,000 which is now subject to the usual carry forward process. If the carry forward is agreed there will be a budget available of £125,000 for 2020/21 financial year. Donations from the IDF for

this year have so far included the Red Cross and Team Rubicon UK (£20,000 each), leaving a remaining budget of £85,000.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That: - St John Ambulance have had to significantly increase its delivery in response to the impact of Covid-19 while finding itself in a difficult position due to a loss of fundraising income. It is recommended that the Finance Committee agree a donation of £20,000 to St John Ambulance to support the Charity in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic in London. This will leave £65,000 available in the IDF to impactfully support an emergency response either Nationally or Internationally later in the Financial Year.

**REASON FOR URGENCY:**

It is requested that this report is considered under urgency procedures in order that a decision can be taken promptly to provide certainty and assist St John Ambulances with cashflow during the COIVD19 Pandemic.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee is asked to approve the City Cash Contingency Fund for National and International Disaster Relief – Donation to St John Ambulance.

**PAPERS ATTACHED:** Report of the Head of the Central Grants Unit.

**Rofikul Islam**

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## **International Disasters Fund (IDF)**

### **Report and Recommendation from the Central Grants Unit**

#### **Background**

The City of London holds a contingency fund of £100,000 in its City's Cash budget, allocated to the International Disasters Fund (IDF) administered by the Finance Committee.

A report on use of this fund was presented to Finance Committee on 31 January 2017 where it was noted:

- a) The strong criteria applied by the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) for the selection and monitoring of UK aid charities;
- b) The ability of the Central Grants Unit (CGU) to provide recommendations of appropriate charities to support, including due diligence reviews;
- c) That donations given as restricted to a specific appeal or purpose are required under charity law to be spent directly on that purpose.

When a DEC appeal is not launched, a donation could be made to an individual charity carrying out humanitarian relief in the area. It is acknowledged that the transparent governance controls applied by the DEC means that Finance Committee can be confident in giving direct to the individual charities that are members of the DEC, should they believe this to be the most appropriate use of the Corporations' emergency donations budget. The CGU is in place to provide advice and recommendations on how donations would be best placed in the instance that a DEC appeal is not launched.

The IDF has an annual budget of £100,000. In the 2019/20 financial year there was an underspend of £25,000 that is now subject to the usual carry forward process. If agreed there will be a budget available of £125,000 for 2020/21 financial year. In April the IDF awarded two donations totalling £40,000 leaving a total budget of £85,000 remaining subject to the carry forward being approved.

#### **Emergency Relief – London Response to COVID-19**

The coronavirus outbreak is a global health emergency that is affecting the way every one of us goes about our daily lives. In the UK we are in the midst of the pandemic with the total death toll as at 27 May 2020 exceeding 37,000 people. Charitable organisations in the UK are navigating in uncertain times and having to adapt services to deal with the complex situation of the lockdown. The City of London Corporation has reacted quickly in response to COVID-19. The report below outlines the broad range of charitable funding responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic and its impact on Society in London and the UK.

#### **Funding Response from City of London Corporation**

##### **London Community Response Fund and London Community Response**

The London Community Response Fund (LCRF), as part of Bridge House Estates, was launched on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 crisis. City Bridge Trust (CBT) has contributed £1m which has been matched by the GLA for the launch. The GLA announced a further contribution of £4m on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020. Several other funders have committed funding, including Bloomberg, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, the Clothworkers Company and the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts.

The Fund currently stands at £7.9 million and a full list of donors can be provided on request (n.b. some donors wish to make their contribution anonymously). This is part of a wider response, [London Community Response](#), which is being co-ordinated by London Funders, whereby funders unable to contribute to the LCRF (perhaps for reasons of geographical or beneficiary restrictions) can nevertheless align with this wider response. A single application portal is available on the [London Community Response](#) website for charitable organisations

in London. The total value of [London Community Response](#), including LCRF, was £16.4 million as of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **CBT Response**

At the March CBT Committee meeting a programme was agreed to provide additional support to current grantees with an annual income of up to £500,000 in the form of one-off unrestricted grants. These grants – calculated on the basis of equivalence to a current quarterly payment – were to help groups offset losses of earned income (through cancellation of events, hire fees, etc) caused by the current lockdown.

As a result, 202 grants were awarded to 202 organisations. The maximum size of grant awarded was £15,000 with the average being £8,460. The total amount awarded was £1,709,067.

CBT are working in collaboration with other funders to ensure that, as far as possible, there is a coordinated and timely range of support to the charitable sector. At the time of writing the Trust is also considering ways in which it can maximise flexibility and support to its grantees (eg through enabling grants to be used for core costs).

### **Central Grants Programme (CGP)**

The CGP has worked to provide flexibility to all its grantees in these uncertain times. Projects have been extended and monitoring information simplified to ensure that organisations can cope with reduced capacity. The CGP has continued accepting applications to provide consistency for City of London Communities.

In April 2020 a grant of £9,795 was awarded from the Combined Relief of Poverty Charity to Age UK City of London to support its work coordinating the set up and delivery of the City of London Foodbank that is now operating across the Square Mile.

### **International Disaster Fund**

At the start of the lockdown it was agreed that the IDF explore options to support organisations working in the UK in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. As a DEC appeal has not been launched specifically for work in the UK it was decided to look at organisations responding on a National and Local level. The scope of the work had to fall outside the eligibility of CBT and be focused on emergency relief in line with the IDF agreed policy.

In April 2020 the Finance Committee agreed a donation of £20,000 to The British Red Cross to support its work nationally and £20,000 to Team Rubicon to assist in its aid efforts tackling the Coronavirus outbreak in London.

In May 2020 Members requested the CGU advise on other causes that could be supported at this time and within the context of the wider funding environment that the City of London is involved in. Below is an analysis of specific causes that have been raised with the CGU:

**City Harvest** – Is a food distribution Charity operating in Greater London. Since the start of the lockdown the Charity has been increasing efforts to distribute food to those most in need in London. The Charity currently holds a grant with CBT outlined below and would be able to apply for further funding as its work meets the eligibility criteria of the Bridging Divides Strategy:

***£111,000 over three years (£36,000; £37,000; £38,000) for the post of Warehouse Manager (40 hours per week).***

**Business in Community (BIC)** – A request was submitted looking for urgent funding towards a brokering service between business and UK Communities to support with the rebuild stage as UK society begins to get back on its feet after lockdown. Further information was requested about this proposal and BIC was proposing a much more significant donation than could be considered under the IDF.

**St John Ambulance** – Have reoriented its entire delivery to support the COVID-19 response effort and as a result, since the start of April 2020 has been delivering over 1,000 hours a day of clinical support in local communities nationwide supporting the NHS. St John Ambulance has worked tirelessly with its partners at NHS England to support a range of individual trusts and organisations across the country to deliver increased ambulance capacity and support hospital trusts responding effectively to COVID-19 challenges. The number of COVID-19 cases and deaths has had a major impact on NHS resources. The charity's role in responding to the needs of communities across the nation has never been more relevant or urgent.

The Charity's current financial position has been severely affected by COVID-19 due to a complete loss of its usual operating income from first aid training and event cover. Sustaining COVID-19 operations is very expensive, therefore any contribution will allow St John Ambulance continue to provide more support and care to those at their most vulnerable during this pandemic and help to save even more lives. A donation could be directly attributed to the work the Charity is delivering in London.

**The DEC and International Emergency Funding** – The IDF should always be ready to respond to any DEC appeals that are launched or be able to respond to International Disasters. The CGU is in regular contact with the DEC and International Partner Charities about appeals for support. There are currently ongoing conversations with the DEC, and the CGU will be given advance warning of any Appeal Launch. Funds should remain in the IDF to ensure it can still make a meaningful contribution in the event of a natural disaster later in the financial year.

### **Recommendation**

The City of London Corporation has been decisive in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic through its work as a Charitable funder. The immediate emergency needs of the Charity Sector and Communities in London are being well supported now, both through the City Bridge Trust, London Community Response Fund and the initial donations made through the International Disaster Fund. Additional to this there is a wide range of other funding available to the sector through the National Emergency Trust and The National Lottery Community Fund.

The IDF should remain in a position to react to International Disasters when they occur. The CGU's connection to the DEC and other International Charities allows for these donations to be swift in response and impactful to an emergency on the ground.

It is understood that the Finance Committee wish to support an organisation that is providing services in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic in London. St John Ambulance have had to significantly increase its delivery in response to the impact of Covid-19 while finding itself in a difficult position due to a loss of fundraising income. It is recommended that the Finance Committee agree a donation of £20,000 to St John Ambulance to support the Charity in its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic in London. This will leave £65,000 available in the IDF to impactfully support an emergency response either Nationally or Internationally later in the Financial Year.

**Report prepared by: Jack Joslin – Head of the Central Grants Unit**

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# Agenda Item 2

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| <b>Committee:</b><br>Finance Committee                             | <b>Date:</b><br>Delegated Authority |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Report of Action Taken by the Finance Committee | <b>Public</b>                       |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Town Clerk                                    | <b>For Information</b>              |
| <b>Report author:</b><br>Julie Mayer, Town Clerk's Department      |                                     |

## Summary

1. This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the above Committees. in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, in accordance with Standing Order 41 (b).
2. In consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the above Committees, the Town Clerk has approved recommendations, under authority delegated by the Finance Committee, in respect of Interest Rates for Loan Facilities.

## Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the report.

### **Julie Mayer**

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| <b>Committee:</b><br>Barbican Residential Committee   | <b>Date:</b><br>Urgency |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Report of Action Taken by the Barbican Residential Committee<br>Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25 – Gateway 4 – Issues Report | <b>Public</b>           |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Town Clerk   | <b>For Information</b>  |
| <b>Report author:</b><br>Julie Mayer, Town Clerk’s Department   |                         |

### Summary

1. This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the above Committee, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, and in accordance with Standing Order 41(a)
  
2. In consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the above Committees, the Town Clerk has approved recommendations in respect of the matter(s) set out below.

**Recommendation – that the report be noted.**

### Main Report

#### **Background:**

The Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25 – Gateway 4 – Issues Report - referred to above was initially considered at the meeting of the Barbican Residential Committee (“BRC”) on 16 March 2020. At that meeting, a number of questions were raised on the difference between the quotes submitted and this resulted in the report being deferred, pending the provision of further information, and consideration at a Special Meeting in April. The Residents Consultative Committee had also raised similar questions when it met on 2nd March 2020. In response to the Covid-19 emergency measures in respect of City of London Committees, there were no Committee meetings during April and the Special Meeting did not take place.

The information requested by the BRC has since been provided and set out in the appendices to the report. The views of Committee on the award of the contract was also sought and the majority of Members, who responded to that consultation, supported the award of the preferred contractor. This was effectively, Gateway 5 in the Project Approval Procedure, the ‘regular route’, and delegated to the Director of Community and Children’s Services. However, Gateway 4, which had already been approved by the Projects Sub Committee still required sign off under Urgency Provision, as the approved Contractor had agreed to an extension until 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

and the meeting of the BRC, scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June 202, was provisional at that stage.

Action taken:

1. The provision of an additional budget of £563,252, uplifting the total estimated cost of the Barbican Estates redecoration project to £3,938,252 (excluding risk);
2. Note the revised total project budget of £3,938,252 (excluding risk), with the overall cost of the redecoration project being met from the City Fund (95% of which was recoverable via service charge from long leaseholders and the remainder funded from local risk revenue budgets);
3. Note that, notwithstanding the fact that the approval of the Gateway 5 (Authority to Start Work) report fell within the remit of the Chief Officer as per the regular approval track on conclusion of the post-tender Section 20 process, following consultation with the BRC, the Gateway 5 report had already been approved in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman under the urgency procedures.

**PAPERS ATTACHED:**

Report and public appendices of the Director of Community and Children's Services dated 16th March 2020.

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| <b>Committees:</b><br>Corporate Projects Board<br>Barbican Residents Consultation Committee (For Information)<br>Barbican Residential Committee (For Decision)<br>Projects Sub Committee (For Decision) | <b>Dates:</b><br>Urgency<br>02 March 2020<br><br>Urgency<br>16 March 2020<br>(agreed) |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25<br><b>Unique Project Identifier:</b> 12035  | <b>Gateway 4</b><br><b>Regular</b><br><b>Issue Report</b>                             |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Director of Community & Children's Services<br><b>Report Author:</b><br>David Downing, Asset Programme Manager   | <b>For Decision</b>   |
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| <b>1. Status update</b>       | <p><b>Project Description:</b> This project will address the cyclical redecoration of internal and external areas of the residential blocks of the Barbican Estate as identified for the next five financial years (2020/21-2024/25) of the redecoration programme.</p> <p><b>RAG Status:</b> Red (Green at last report to Committee). Status set to red due to cost increase following the tendering of works.</p> <p><b>Risk Status:</b> Low (Low at last report to committee)</p> <p><b>Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk):</b><br/>£3,938,252</p> <p><b>Change in Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk):</b><br/>Increase of £563,252 since last report to Committee</p> <p><b>Spend to Date:</b> £17,706</p> <p><b>Costed Risk Provision Utilised:</b> None</p> <p><b>Funding Source:</b> City Fund (95% recoverable via service charge from long leaseholders, the remainder to be funded from local risk revenue budgets).</p> <p><b>Slippage:</b> None</p> |
| <b>2. Requested decisions</b> | <p><b>Next Gateway:</b> Gateway 5 - Authority to Start Work (Regular)</p>   |

|   | <p><b>Requested Decisions:</b></p> <p>The <b>Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee</b> is asked to note this report for information only.</p> <p>The <b>Barbican Residential Committee</b> and the <b>Projects Sub Committee</b> are asked to note and approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That additional budget of £563,252 is approved to uplift the total estimated cost of the project to £3,938,252 (excluding risk);</li> <li>2. Note the revised total project budget of £3,938,252 (excluding risk);</li> <li>3. Note that a Gateway 5 – Authority to Start Work report will be submitted for Chief Officer approval as per the regular approval track upon conclusion of the post-tender Section 20 process.</li> </ol>   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
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| <p><b>3. Budget</b></p>                       | <p>An estimated budget of £3,375,000 was notified to Committee at Gateway 4, this was broken down as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 936 1441 1245"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><b>Estimated Project Costs at Gateway 4</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated works costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fees and staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£375,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£3,375,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Funding strategy</b></td> <td>City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Following the tender process, budget estimates are revised as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 1402 1441 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><b>Revised Project Costs following tender</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated works costs to Barbican Estate</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,563,252</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fees and staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£375,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£3,938,252</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Funding strategy</b></td> <td>City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Costed Risk Provision requested for this Gateway: N/A</b></p> <p>Total project costs for Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme are thus revised upwards by £563,252.</p> | <b>Estimated Project Costs at Gateway 4</b> |  | Estimated works costs | £3,000,000 | Fees and staff costs | £375,000 | <b>Total</b> | <b>£3,375,000</b> | <b>Funding strategy</b> | City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets) | <b>Revised Project Costs following tender</b> |  | Estimated works costs to Barbican Estate | £3,563,252 | Fees and staff costs | £375,000 | <b>Total</b> | <b>£3,938,252</b> | <b>Funding strategy</b> | City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets) |
| <b>Estimated Project Costs at Gateway 4</b>   |   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| Estimated works costs                         | £3,000,000  |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| Fees and staff costs                          | £375,000  |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>£3,375,000</b>   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| <b>Funding strategy</b>                       | City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets)   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| <b>Revised Project Costs following tender</b> |   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| Estimated works costs to Barbican Estate      | £3,563,252  |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| Fees and staff costs                          | £375,000  |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>£3,938,252</b>   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |
| <b>Funding strategy</b>                       | City Fund (works to residential blocks circa 95% recoverable from leaseholders, the remainder (circa 5%) is funded from ongoing annual Barbican Residential local risk revenue budgets)   |   |  |                       |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |   |  |  |            |                      |          |              |                   |                         |   |

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| <p><b>4. Issue description</b></p> | <p><b>1. Last Gateway Approved.</b> A Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal was presented to the Barbican Residential Committee (BRC) and the Projects Sub Committee in 18 March 2019 and 22 March 2019 respectively. The recommended option of seeking to appoint a contractor to undertake a 5 year programme of redecoration works (including minor repairs) to the Barbican Estate with a total estimated budget within the range £3,037,500 - £3,375,000 was approved.</p> <p><b>2. Progress to date.</b> A full, compliant tender process for the works contractor has now been completed in conjunction with City Procurement. Thirteen qualifying tenders for the work were received. These were carefully evaluated on the quality and cost criteria as laid out in the procurement process (60% quality, 40% price). A Section 20 consultation is currently underway with Barbican Estate leaseholders. The appointment of a contractor is subject to the successful completion of this process. It should be noted that the contractor scoring highest in the tender evaluation was nominated for the contract by Barbican Estate leaseholders during an earlier stage of the Section 20 process, with a number of residents commenting favourably on the quality of their previous works on the Barbican Estate. However, as the recommended contractor is not the lowest cost option for the Estate, and for certain blocks in particular, there is an increased risk of opposition to this appointment from long leaseholders on cost grounds.</p> <p><b>3. Summary of Issue.</b> Following the procurement process the total project budget for the Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25, encompassing the highest scoring tender, the sums already expended, and the fees &amp; staff costs estimated to be required to deliver the works, exceeded the estimated budget range approved at Gateway 4 by £635,972. Following negotiation, City Procurement have secured a 2% discount on the highest scoring contractors tender sum as a Best and Final Offer which revises this figure to £563,252.</p> <p>The average cost of all thirteen tenders received was £4,730,836. Removing outliers, three contractors having significantly over or under priced the works, gives a revised average of £3,723,797. The highest scoring tender, initially priced at £3,726,650 and reduced to £3,652,117 following negotiation, is consistent with this revised average and scored particularly highly on the quality criteria set in the technical evaluation.</p> <p>The tendered works include for the redecoration of the non-residential floors of Frobisher Crescent and the adjacent Sculpture Court; included in order to realise the efficiencies of combining the works into one coherent package. The cost of</p> |
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|                          | <p>these elements (a sum of £90,679) falls within the budgetary responsibility of the Barbican Centre and has therefore been deducted from the works cost presented here for approval. The cost to the Barbican residential estate of the highest scoring tender is thereby revised downwards to £3,635,972 (reduced further to £3,563,252 following negotiation). The average cost per unit can be calculated as £1,835 (reduced to £1,799 following negotiation). As the contribution percentage written into residents' leases varies considerably from block to block and flat type to flat type a given leaseholders actual potential charge may significantly differ. Leaseholders will be notified of estimated charges by flat type as a part of the Section 20 consultation process.</p> <p>On evaluation of the pricing documents received, it is clear that the value of the works was underestimated at Gateway 4. Officers based these estimates on the known costs from the previous cycle or redecoration works subject to an uplift for inflation. It should be noted that in times of economic uncertainty it is particularly challenging to accurately forecast the market, especially when the longer term regulations concerning the supply of non-domestic labour and materials are still to determined. Once the contract is let however, there is a high degree of certainty that costs can be controlled tightly. A cyclical redecoration project is inherently low risk once in delivery as areas requiring redecoration are known with the specification not subject to variance.</p> <p><b>4. Proposed Way Forward.</b> Increase the project budget by £563,252 to £3,938,252 and submit a Gateway 5 – Authority to Start Work report for Chief Officer approval.</p> |
| <p><b>5. Options</b></p> | <p><b>1. Approve an increase in project budget.</b> Increase the project budget in line with the highest scoring tender return by £563,252 and authorise the submission of a Gateway 5 report for Chief Officer approval. This is the recommended option</p> <p><b>2. Do not approve an increase in project budget and re-evaluate those tenders received that fell within the currently approved budget thresholds.</b> Of the thirteen compliant tenders received, three were under the budgetary threshold as set at Gateway 4. These three tenders however scored poorly against technical criteria and did not demonstrate a good understanding of the particular challenges of working on a Listed residential estate nor provided suitable evidence that work would be completed to the quality required. This option is not recommended.</p> <p><b>3. Re-tender the works.</b> With the construction and maintenance industry still subject to economic uncertainties,</p>   |

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|  | <p>re-tendering the works is not likely to provide a tender of sufficient quality within the currently approved budget thresholds. In addition, the concomitant programme delay whilst works were being re-tendered would cause the recommended existing paint product lifecycles to be exceeded to the detriment of the external structure of the Grade II Listed Barbican Estate and its associated high reputation and property values. This option is not recommended.</p> |
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**Appendices (reflecting the latest position since the BRC deferred this report on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020)**

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| <p><b>Exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</b> Specifically, the appendices contains sensitive information which may be exempted under the Act, and need to be considered in closed session.</p> |
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| <b>Committee:</b>   | <b>Date:</b>        |
| Hospitality Working Party   | Urgency             |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Commercial Court 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  | <b>Public</b>       |
| <b>Report of:</b><br>Remembrancer   | <b>For Decision</b> |
| <p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>This report proposes that the City Corporation hosts a dinner on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Commercial Court. This report follows on from the last meeting of the Hospitality Working Party where this proposal was informally discussed, and Members indicated their general support.</p> <p>The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).</p> |                     |

## Background

1. 2020 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Commercial Court in London and also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formal creation of the Commercial and Admiralty Court. A series of events is being held throughout the year including exhibitions, seminars and educational initiatives.
2. The Commercial Court, based at the Rolls Building, handles complex national and international business disputes, ranging from international trade and banking to insurance and commodities. The Court is also the principal supervisory court for international arbitration heard in London, dealing with the granting of freezing and other relief in aid of arbitration, challenges to arbitration awards, and enforcement of awards. Over 70% of the Court's workload involves international parties.

3. Legal services are an integral part of the financial and related professional services sector that makes London and the UK one of the world's leading international financial centres. The UK's legal services sector itself contributes 1.5% of UK Gross Value Added and employs more than 330,000 people across the country, with two thirds of those jobs based outside London. There was a record trade surplus in legal services of £6.5bn in 2018. There are over 200 foreign law firms with offices in the UK and the country is second only to the US globally in terms of legal services fee revenue. The UK's world class judicial and other dispute resolution mechanisms continue to underpin the success of UK legal services, with the swift, predictable and fair resolution of commercial disputes giving confidence to commercial parties from across the world.
4. The success of the Commercial Court has prompted a number of countries to establish their own international commercial courts, for example in Singapore and the Gulf, and several countries in Europe have set up embryonic models. It will be vital to maintain the reputation and efficacy of the London Commercial Court as the UK seeks to preserve and strengthen its leading role in international legal services.

## **Proposal**

4. Following discussions between the Remembrancer and senior judiciary, the City Corporation has been invited to host a dinner to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The City held a dinner in 1995 to mark the Commercial Court's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
5. The dinner would draw attention to the role of the Court and the value of UK commercial law and legal services, and would reflect the significant contribution the City of London has made and is now making to the administration of justice, including through the provision of the Central Criminal Court and the planned new courts centre located off Fleet Street.
6. The event would provide an opportunity to bring together members of the judiciary and the legal profession, senior General Counsel and the legal education sector, together with representatives of City businesses, Government and Members with relevant interests.

**Recommendation**

- 7. It is recommended that hospitality be granted for a dinner in the Great Hall to mark the 125th anniversary of the Commercial Court, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee within approved parameters. This event falls within the strategic element of your budget. This would be met by the 2020/21 Hospitality Working Party budget.

**SUMMARY**

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| <b>EVENT:</b> | <b>COMMERCIAL COURT 125<sup>TH</sup><br/>ANNIVERSARY DINNER</b> |
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**DATE:** MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

**VENUE:** GREAT HALL AND OLD LIBRARY

**HOST ELEMENT:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
AND MEMBERS WITH RELEVANT  
INTERESTS

**NUMBERS**

**ATTENDING:** 400

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| <b>BUDGET:</b> | <b>Within approved parameters</b> |
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\* The total Committee element for this event is 33. Member attendance at this style of event is typically 40% - 50%.

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