

**FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD**  
**Monday, 23 June 2025**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board held at Co-Lab Space, Level 2, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2Y 8DS on Monday, 23 June 2025 at 10.30 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Tijs Broeke (Chair)  
Mark Page (Deputy Chairman)  
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza  
Robert Glick (External Member)  
Anett Rideg  
Alderman Sir William Russell

**Officers:**

David Farnsworth	- Interim CEO, Barbican Centre
Ali Mirza	- Barbican Centre
Jackie Boughton	- Barbican Centre
Megan Dewberry	- Barbican Centre
Natasha Harris	- Barbican Centre
Shanay Jhaveri	- Barbican Centre
Bobby Stewart	- Barbican Centre
Harriet Usher	- Barbican Centre
Ellie Varley	- Barbican Centre
Beau Vigushin	- Barbican Centre
Sarah Wall	- Chamberlain's Department
Anu Newton	- Chamberlain's Department
John Cater	- Town Clerk's Department

**1. APOLOGIES**

In advance of the meeting, a formal apology was received from Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, be approved as an accurate record.

**4. INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**

The Committee received a Report of the Chamberlain which provided an update on Internal Audit activity related to the Barbican Centre since the Report

to the January 2025 meeting of the Committee and a cumulative summary of work for the 2024-25 year.

The Committee noted that several appendices for this Report were in the non-public agenda and a fuller discussion about these matters would therefore follow later in the meeting.

It was noted the Forward Plan of Assurance Work would be raised and discussed at the next meeting of the Committee in September.

**RESOLVED** – that the Committee noted the Report.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other public business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information, as defined in Part 1, in Schedule 12A, of the Local Government Act.

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the previous meeting, held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, be approved as an accurate record.

9. **BARBICAN BUSINESS REVIEW: MARCH 2025 (PERIOD 12)**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre reviewing the Centre's financial performance in over March 2025 (Period 12 of 2024/25).

10. **BARBICAN BUSINESS REVIEW: MAY 2025 (PERIOD 2)**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre reviewing the Centre's financial performance over May 2025 (Period 2 of 2025/26).

11. **VISUAL ARTS DEEP DIVE**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre providing a deep dive of the Visual Arts Department.

12. **BARBICAN CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre providing an update on the Cyclical Works Programme and Capital Projects at the Centre.

13. **RISK UPDATE**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre advising Members of the risk management system in place at the Centre and updating Members on the significant risks that have been identified and measures for mitigation of these risks.

14. **PROGRAMMING & BUSINESS EVENTS RISK**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the Arts Programming & Business Events Risk Registers.

15. **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

The Committee received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre updating Members on health, safety and fire safety management at the Barbican Centre.

16. **NON-PUBLIC INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE APPENDICES**

The Committee received the non-public appendices to the Internal Audit Update Report (Item 4).

17. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There was one non-public question.

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no other urgent non-public business.

**The meeting ended at 12.15 pm**

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Chairman

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