

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Gresham (City Side) Committee	17 May 2019
<b>Subject:</b> Gresham Almshouses update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community & Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

This report gives Trustees an information update on the Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth. Some of the information in the report also relates to the City of London Almshouses on the estate.

### **Recommendation**

Trustees are asked to note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. This report is presented half yearly to the Trustees of the Gresham Almshouses. It updates Trustees on operational matters relating to the Gresham Almshouses and their residents and highlights any issues of concern.

#### **Current Position**

##### **2. Waiting List**

Currently there are no vacancies within the Gresham Almshouses, there are 2 people on the waiting list, drawn from the current City of London Almshouse residents.

##### **3. Social Activities**

Residents have yet to agree what summer social activities they are interested in organising this year. Officers have sent suggestions to residents and await their response.

##### **4. Christmas Hamper Delivery – early notification of date**

Christmas Hamper delivery will take place on 6 December 2019, transport from the Guildhall will be arranged. Light refreshments will be served to Trustees and residents during the visit.

## **5. Residents financial status**

Officers are required a review to be undertaken to ensure that residents still met the agreed eligibility criteria. This review will commence in May 2019 details will be reported to next Trustees meeting on 1 November 2019.

## **6. Cat Survey**

At the request of Gresham Trustees, officers will commence a second survey to gauge resident interest in having up to two indoor cats during May. There are well documented positive outcomes for older people who are able to keep a pet, however officers have considerable concerns relating to care of cats especially when residents are no longer able to care for themselves, and require support from registered care workers to remain living in their homes. The care workers are not permitted to care for pets a part of their support role which causes distress to both owner and pet.

The results of the last survey in 2017 were close, there were only 17 out of 50 possible responses and the outcome was 9 against and 8 in favour. Due to the low response rate it was considered appropriate to survey residents again. Officers will report to Trustees at the next Committee meeting on 1 November 2019.

## **Conclusion**

Trustees are asked to note the report.

## **Appendices**

**None**

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