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Residents' Consultation Committee	10 September 2012	
Barbican Residential Committee	24 September 2012	
Subject: Update Report		
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services		Public
<p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <p>Barbican Estate Office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key Performance Indicators, Statistics - see appendix 1 2. Stores 3. Temporary Car Parking 4. BEO Organisational Structure – see appendix 4 <p>Built Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy <p>Open Spaces Department</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Open Spaces Update <p>Technical Services Division – see appendix 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Redecorations 8. Roof apportionments 9. Beech Gardens Podium Works 10. Asset Maintenance Plan 11. Concrete Testing 12. Asbestos in Meter Cupboards 13. Remedial Works to Cold Water Storage Tanks 		

14. Water Pressure to Tower Blocks
 15. Public lift availability
 16. Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network
- City Surveyors Department – see appendix 3**
17. Barbican Occupiers Users Group
 18. Crossrail
 19. Barbican Arts Centre Cinema Relocation

Fringe developments

20. Frobisher Crescent
21. Milton Court Redevelopment
22. Moorgate Telephone Exchange
23. St Alphage House
24. Roman House
25. Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate
26. YMCA

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 May/June 2012. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Key Performance Indicators, Statistics

Appendix 1 includes a list of pending committee reports, Key Performance Indicators and statistics on Car Parking, Baggage Stores and Bicycle Stores.

2. Stores

The BEO is progressing the procurement of 50 new transportable baggage stores and 50 new bicycle lockers. The BEO is also liaising with Officers in the Department of Built Environment and TFL regarding the possibility of funding for Barbican residential bicycle storage schemes in the car parks.

3. Temporary Car Parking

Following discussions with Officers in the IS Department the possibility of a mobile telephone payment system for temporary car parking is being progressed.

4. BEO Organisational Structure - see appendix4.

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.

Built Environment

Officers from the Built Environment Department have provided the following updates:

5. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy

The Barbican Area Streets & Walkways Enhancement Strategy was approved by the Court of Common Council in October 2008. Various priority projects were identified following feedback from Barbican residents during the extensive public consultation on the Strategy, including Moor Lane, Ben Jonson Highwalk/St. Giles Terrace and Silk Street.

The evaluation of the Moor Lane project was approved by Finance Committee in July 2011 and the proposal continues to be progressed through the detailed design phase. Works are expected to begin onsite at the

beginning of 2013, with residents and occupiers given advance notification of said works.

The Ben Jonson Highwalk and St Giles Terrace project was approved by the Streets & Walkways Committee in June 2011 and the proposal includes new furniture and planting as well as the restoration of brickwork and lighting.

The installation of the replacement seating for Ben Jonson Highwalk is programmed for October 2012, subject to confirmation of manufacture programme, whilst the restoration of brickwork and planting proposals for this area will be progressed at a later date after the Barbican Estate Office carries out investigative drainage works on the Highwalks. Lighting improvements to the Ben Jonson Highwalk are expected in Autumn 2012.

The installation of the replacement seating for St Giles Terrace is also expected in October 2012, subject to confirmation of manufacture programme, with lighting improvements to this area expected in Autumn 2012.

The detailed options appraisal for the Silk Street project is due to be put before Committee in Autumn 2012. Consultation with relevant stakeholders has commenced and will continue as the project progresses to the detailed design stage.

The Highway Works Detailed Design report was approved at the Streets and Walkways Committee in April 2012. The works are in the direct vicinity of the site on Milton Street, Silk Street and Moor Lane. Footways will be repaved, granite feature junctions will be installed and the highway resurfaced. Works will be done in phases beginning on site in October 2012 and are programmed to finish in March 2013. Residents will be informed of the works programme and road closures prior to minimise disruption. For further information on these works, please contact Bronwyn Claridge on 020 7332 1208 or bronwyn.claridge@cityoflondon.gov.uk

6. Open Spaces

From the end of September, the programme of seasonal pruning works will commence throughout the gardens. The planting areas in the lakes will be cut back (in accordance with standard management practice) during November 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 Barbican Estate Office instructed Open Spaces to tidy up the Beech Gardens area. This area had been taken out of their contract in anticipation of work starting. With the delays to the project, the area had begun to look overgrown with weeds. This has all now been cleared of weeds and generally tidied up.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 28 May 2012.

Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 11 June 2012.

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