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| Committee: Barbican Residential Committee | Date: Urgency |
| Subject: Report of Action Taken by the Barbican Residential Committee Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25 – Gateway 4 – Issues Report | Public |
| Report of: Town Clerk | For Information |
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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 14th May 2020

and the meeting of the BRC, scheduled for 15th 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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