

Committee Corporate Asset Sub Committee	Date 22 July 2020
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Report of: City Surveyor	For Information
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Summary

The following report gives an update on the key security issues ongoing across the Corporate Estate.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Guildhall

1. The Project team have been working through the Public Address/Voice Alarm proposal. This is at an early stage with a 32 week work schedule being suggested with indicative costs that are within the approved budget.
2. The project to upgrade the CCTV system as part of the Cross Cutting programme of work is nearing completion. Conversations are taking place with City Police about how this will link into their Secure City programme. Simon Causer has taken on the role of Single Point of Contact for all issues relating to the use of CCTV by the Corporation and is working with CPG sites to ensure compliance with Home Office guidance.
3. Work to fix the vehicle blocker at the entrance to the MCP will be completed within the next 2-3 weeks. A fault in the system arose as a result of rats chewing through the cables. A rather unpleasant rats nest had to be cleared before work on this could commence.
4. The door lock upgrade is nearing a position where work can commence, as with all projects the pandemic delayed the site survey. Skanska are engaged on this.
5. The work to replace the doors in the east and west of the north wing with swing arm barriers has been a victim of the pandemic but this will recommence as soon as the required officers return to work. Security is not being compromised by this delay.
6. During this period of reduced activity, the number of security officers required on site is approximately half that of 'normal times'. As a result of the reduced activity we are showing a £180k saving against the security budget in Q1.

Central Criminal Court

7. Trials have recommenced after a brief interlude. The security team are well protected with revised operating protocols. It is pleasing to hear that none of the security team went down with the virus despite the initial fears of what this would mean.
8. As with the Guildhall CCTV, their programme of works is nearing completion with a scheduled handover on or about 25th July.
9. A case of note will be an appeal hearing by Julian Assange in September. This is likely to draw large crowds and protest activity. CCC are engaged with City Police with regards to the security plan for this.

Mansion House

10. Mansion House also has CCTV installation activity. The lull in activity has allowed the work to catch up on lost time.

Barbican

11. There are no security issues to report on for the Barbican at this stage.

Tower Bridge

12. Tower Bridge has reopened with no reported issues but with a significantly reduced footfall.

Wider Security Issues

13. The Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure has issued several documents with revised guidance regarding the terrorist threat. The checklist of advice is being applied across the Corporate Estate to ensure our security stance remains strong and fit for purpose.