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Residents' Consultation Committee	26 November 2012	
Barbican Residential Committee	10 December 2012	
<b>Subject:</b> Update Report		
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services		<b>Public</b>
<p><b><u>Executive Summary</u></b></p> <p><b>Barbican Estate Office</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Key Performance Indicators, Statistics - <b>see appendix 1</b></li> <li>2. Stores</li> <li>3. Subletting</li> <li>4. Security – <b>see appendix 4</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Built Environment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy</li> <li>6. Podium Tiles</li> <li>7. Beech Street Tunnel</li> </ol> <p><b>Open Spaces Department</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Open Spaces Update – <b>see appendix 5</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Technical Services Division – see appendix 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Redecorations</li> <li>10. Roof apportionments</li> <li>11. Beech Gardens Podium Works</li> <li>12. Asset Maintenance Plan</li> <li>13. Garchey 5 Year Review</li> </ol>		

- 14.Asbestos in Meter Cupboards
- 15.Water Pressure to Tower Blocks
- 16.Tower Concrete Works
- 17.Public lift availability
- 18.Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network
- 19.Technical Services Organisational Structure Proposed
20. Technical Current/Proposed Organisational Structures

**City Surveyors Department – see appendix 3**

- 21.Barbican Occupiers Users Group
- 22.Crossrail
- 23.Barbican Arts Centre Cinema Relocation

**Fringe developments**

- 24.Frobisher Crescent
- 25.Milton Court Redevelopment
- 26.Moorgate Telephone Exchange
- 27.St Alphage House
- 28.Roman House
- 29.Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate
- 30.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

September 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. Subletting**

At the last Barbican Residential Committee the Comptroller and City Solicitor agreed to accept the suggestion that, if registrations for sublettings were made within the one month period specified in the leases, then the fee would be halved to £40 (inclusive of VAT). Furthermore, there would be no further payments for simply renewing a tenancy with the existing tenant.

A letter will be going out to all Long Leaseholders publicising this and there will be a further 1 month amnesty to £40 for all registrations from the date of the letter.

### **4. Security**

A report by the Barbican Estate's Security Committee is contained in Appendix 4.

## **Built Environment**

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

### **5. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy**

Officers from The Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy have provided the following update.

Ben Jonson Highwalks - The installation of the replacement seating for Ben Jonson Highwalk was expected for October 2012 but the completion of the seating manufacture process has been delayed, we are awaiting a revised programme from the manufacturer. The restoration of the brickwork and lighting improvements will be progressed separately given the delay to the seating.

St Giles Terrace - The installation of the replacement seating for St Giles Terrace was also expected to begin in October 2012 but has similarly been delayed due to the seating manufacture process. Again the refurbishment of the lighting will be progressed separately given the delay to the seating.

Beech Street Tunnel - The City is currently in the process of initiating the project and a report will go to Projects Sub-Committee on 21st November.

## **6. Podium Tiles**

The new Highways maintenance contractor has started to prioritise the tile replacement programme on the Barbican Estate Highwalks in conjunction with Officers from the Barbican Estate Office.

## **7. Beech Street Tunnel**

The BRC agreed that the Planning and Transportation Committee be asked to consider improvements to Beech Street Tunnel as a matter of priority, given its significance within the cultural quarter.

## **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.

## **8. Open Spaces**

An update on planting on the Podium is included in Appendix 5.

**Background Papers:**

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 10 September 2012.

Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 24 September 2012.

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