SUR Departmental risks - detailed report EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS for COMMITTEE

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Physical Assets- Investment property and Corporate (operational) property (excluding housing assets)	Cause: Poor property condition combined with insufficient budget to maintain assets in line with commitments/expectations. Event: Misalignment between the relevant Asset Management Strategy, City's lease obligations to third parties in occupation and the available funds to reach / maintain this standard Impact: Built estate becomes not fit for purpose/ functions/occupancy. The City becomes in breach of legal repairing covenants. Cost of maintenance and utility costs increases, placing further pressure on City resources. In extreme circumstances there will be H&S implications, leading to potential enforcement action, legal action by tenants or asset failure in whole or part with detrimental effects leading to impact on occupiers	Impact	16	This risk results from both a workshop with the Executive Leadership Board (ELB) and a risk arising from the departmental risk register. The mitigation captures the 5 repairs and maintenance funding streams: . Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) . Ring-fenced properties . Local maintenance budgets . Major Capital projects . Investment estate revenue programme Note that the majority of this risk relates to the Corporate (operational) properties (excluding housing)	Impact	4	31-Mar- 2023	
04-Nov-2019				14 Apr 2022			Reduce	Constant
Paul Wilkinson								

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SUR SMT 004a	Cyclical Works Programme (CWP)	The CWP bid for 22/23 is valued at £29.8m, and these works are essential to keep the operational properties in a good standard. This bid was subject to a bilateral meeting on 08/10 and following Member steer has subsequently been reduced to c.£11.1million. This funding was approved by RASC in January and progress will be reported through to Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee (OPPSC). Peter Collinson & Peter Young will be meeting with Sonia Virdee (Chamberlain's) to discuss the interaction between the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the combination of backlog and deferred maintenance (July 2022). A new bid is being developed (23/24) and will likely be circa £30m, but will need to go through a similar prioritisation process.	Peter Collinson	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 004b	Ring fenced properties and budgets (CoLP estate, New Spitalfields, Billingsgate and the three private schools	CSD is communicating with ring fenced departments to identify appropriate building maintenance requirements and spend (forward maintenance). These department occupiers allocate their own funds for the maintenance of the built assets. Whilst the City Surveyor's Department recommends work to be undertaken, it is the occupying department who holds the budget responsibility and thus decides with final control over maintenance activity. This element is being mitigated through the delivery of the recommendations arising from the recent Internal Audit. The master planning of certain sites (such as the Boys' School) helps add clarity around required spend.	Peter Collinson; Peter Young	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 004c	Repairs and Maintenance Budget	The local repairs and maintenance budget has come under significant pressure. The intelligent prioritising of works helps mitigate the impact of this issue. This reflects good practice and helps inform the CWP scoring matrix. The implementation of the new Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) system Concerto increases the intelligence that can be drawn from our systems.	Peter Collinson	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 004d	Revenue Programme (Investment Estate Only)	The allocation of sufficient funds to maintain our investment portfolio to a high standard is required to maximise income generation and asset appreciation. Discussions are on-going with internal colleagues such that sufficient provision is made from the rent received. For the coming year 4.6% of projected rent has been allocated, broadly in line with the 5% industry 'rule of thumb'. One of the post-Covid trends is a 'flight to quality' from occupiers, making the condition of our assets critical to future income.	Nicholas Gill	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 004f	Annual Major Capital Bids	The City Surveyor's Department is progressing major capital projects, and these projects are all essential to keep the operational estate including the Guildhall in a good standard. Significant works have been identified from the recent Smithfield Market Condition Survey and if not funded present a live Health and Safety risk. Some departments submit their own bids based upon advice from the City Surveyor. If more H&S works are required this limits the	Nicholas Gill; Peter	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

	scope for further improvement projects.		

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SUR SMT 005 Construction Price Inflation	Cause: Market conditions have led to input price inflation Event: Project and programme cost escalation Impact: Inability to delivery capital and revenue projects within budget	Impact		Material costs and labour availability are combining to raise costs. This cost increase has already been seen in our tender returns, and this explains why this risk notes its likelihood as "likely". The recent sharp uplift in fuel and energy prices is creating negative impacts across the supply chain and may lead to this risk being less transitory than first envisaged. We are currently experiencing the following issues: Contractor claims – have increased (this is in-line with the broader industry) Contractor financial stability – is being monitored closely, and we are ensuring that contingencies are in place where relevant. Market interest – contractors are being selective, and often declining to tender. Shortage of labour and materials – manifesting in significant increases in prices (tendered projects are often circa 20% above the pre-tender estimate). As a headline, tender prices are forecast to rise by over 21% between now and Q1 2026. There is the risk that there are further price rises. This will lead to some	poolija) Impact	6	31-Mar-2023	

	cancelled projects, or projects facing uplifts in costs. This therefore has a knock-on impact on other corporate priorities which require project delivery.		
	These increased costs may impact the organisation's ability to deliver capital and revenue projects within budget.		
14-Oct-2021 Ola Obadara	14 Apr 2022	Reduce	Constant

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SUR SMT 005a	Procurement Strategy		Ola Obadara	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 005b	Committee Paper		Ola Obadara	14-Apr- 2022	30-Jun- 2022
SUR SMT 005c	Capital Project Review	r J	Ola Obadara	14-Apr- 2022	30-Jun- 2022
SUR SMT 005d	Contracts	Chamberlain's procurement and the department will explore the potential inclusion of fluctuating provisions in our contracts. Currently contractors are expected to take inflation into account when tendering, sharing this risk may attract greater interest for contractors to price and deliver.	Ola Obadara	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 005e	Contract Engagement		Ola Obadara	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

SUR SMT 005f	•	Ensuring materials are readily available before and during the design phase and, if possible, procure in advance of the contract. Further consideration is being given to the origin of source materials to ensure supply.		I I	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 005g	•	8	Obadara	ľ	31-Mar- 2023

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SUR SMT 002 Insufficient budget to meet user and asset demand at Guildhall	Cause: Insufficient funding available for Major Works, Cyclical Works and Reactive Maintenance to manage the repair demands on the Guildhall Complex. Event: Insufficient asset funding. Impact: The standard of the Guildhall Complex will deteriorate, resulting in; poorer working environments leading to increased dissatisfaction and lower employee productivity and potential increase in breakdowns and reactive costs as the basic infrastructure of the Complex becomes beyond economic repair.	Impact	The principal mitigation actions are related to forecasting and monitoring the allocation of financial and human resources The department reviewed the prioritisation of major projects in light of covid-19 and the financial circumstances. This also considered the Guildhall Refurbishment and how this may impact projects. This review has been approved by CAsC. This risk has is influenced by other risks, notably the wider repairs and maintenance risk (SUR SMT 004). Actions noted in the last update (002h prioritisation review; and 002k Annual bid process) have now been completed. 19 Apr 2022		31-Mar- 2023	Constant

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SUR SMT 002e	Guildhall	Tr	. I	31-Mar- 2023

SUR SMT 002f	Cross departmental working	Department. The mechanics of this have now been created and agreed by the Chamberlain's Department. CSD will interact further with Remembrancer's Department to achieve final	Remembra ncer; Peter Collinson; Peter Young		30-Sep- 2022
SUR SMT 002g	Maintenance Management	7 & 1		19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 002j	Budget adjustment	budget allocations for 2022/23 and ongoing Covid 19 conditions. This will identify areas		19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

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SUR SMT 003 Investment Strategy Risk	Cause: The business environment declines, office workers do not return to their workplace in numbers anticipated, retail tenant failure, or demand moves away from City of London assets. Event: Lower rental levels achieved, lower demand, increased turnover of tenancies, increased tenant failure Impact: Inability to maximise property returns and income for an acceptable level of risk	Impact	12	This risk captures a number of subrisks which may impact the organisation's ability to maximise its property returns for an acceptable level of risk. Void levels within the City's investment portfolio have remained low throughout the Coivd-19 pandemic, reflective of the swift and decisive action undertaken. This has promoted the continued operation of property occupiers. The moratorium on enforcement action ceased as of 01/04/2022. Arrears built up from 03/20 – 07/21 will be ring-fenced for six months. Over this time the government is encouraging tenants and landlords to reach a commercial agreement pertaining to these arrears. Arrears outside of this period are being handled in line with existing process/procedures.	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2023	Constant

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SUR SMT 003a	Macro-economic	The actions described are being undertaken and reviewed regularly with the Assistant	Nicholas	19-Apr-	31-Mar-

	The strategy is to maintain a diverse portfolio that reduces the impact of this risk. This includes: 1. Use (office, retail, industrial) 2. Location (City, Southwark, West End etc.) 3. Tenancies (Long term Headlease geared, FRI, directly managed) 4. Covenants (multinationals, SME) 5. Asset management (lease renewals, voids, arrears, etc) 6. Monitoring retail habits in change of building use	Directors.	Gill	2022	2023
SUR SMT 003b		This is achieved through regular market scanning, and the integration of learning into the Corporation's approach.	Nicholas Gill	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 003c	Climate Action The alignment of our portfolio with the future strategic needs of occupiers, particularly supporting their ESG (Environmental-Social-Governance) needs. Climate Action is principally managed through the Climate Action risk (SUR SMT 001). However, it is referenced here as there is a requirement to ensure that the properties offered by the City of London are meeting the emerging needs of tenants.	Ensure that the properties offered by the COL are meeting the emerging needs of tenants.	Nicholas Gill	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 003d	Office risk A slow return of workers to the office may lower demand for office spaces, or the types of spaces required may necessitate additional works prior to letting	The department is monitoring the return to the office through data supplied by partners (such as football information), market research reports, and tenant feedback. The department continues to observe a 'flight to quality' – higher specified and higher quality spaces. Occupiers are increasingly considering their space as a tool in the 'war for talent'. Whilst some occupiers are downsizing their space, others are looking to create a better environment for staff through lower densities / improved amenities.	Nicholas Gill	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 003e	Changes in consumer preferences (moving to on-line retail) which has been accentuated through the COVID-19 pandemic. Elements of the City portfolio is also dependent on tourism, which has seen a significant decline over the	The moratorium on enforcement action concluded in March 2022. Arrears built up from $03/20-07/21$ will be ring-fenced for six months. Over this time the government is encouraging tenants and landlords to reach a commercial agreement pertaining to these arrears. Arrears outside of this period are being handled in line with existing process/procedures. The 'Covid-arrears' element of the risk was managed through the below. These actions were largely successful, and only a minor increase in voids manifest Move to monthly payments (offered to directly managed and FR&I tenants).	Nicholas Gill	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

	. Rent concessions for some tenants (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec quarters). proposed Engagement with peers to understand wider market impacts Regincluding the provision of bi-monthly dashboards Rental collection by Chamberlain's Department.	gular arrears monitoring,			
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SUR SMT 006 Construction Consultancy Management	Cause: Poor performance by consultants Event: Abortive work, delays, or non-performance. Impact: Additional costs, project delays	Likelihood	12	This risk is being managed but it will take some time to resolve issues arising from contractors previously appointed. This relates to abortive design / development.	Likelihood	4	30-Sep- 2022	•
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SUR SMT 006a		The department has commenced going to market at RIBA stage 3 rather than RIBA stage 4. This will prevent abortive design and development. This change followed close work with the procurement team in Chamberlain's. The impact of this change will be tracked over the coming months.		1	30-Sep- 2022
SUR SMT 006b	E	8	Ola Obadara	1	30-Sep- 2022

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SUR SMT 007 Energy Pricing 18-Oct-2021 Peter Collinson	Cause: Rapid increases in the market cost of energy Event: Increasing price born by the City of London Corporation Impact: Money directed to energy payments that could be used in other endeavours	Impact	12	The market cost of energy has increased rapidly through 2021 (market rises of around 300% over the last six months), and this has precipitated some supplier failure. This has been further exacerbated through Russian action in the Ukraine, and the subsequent impacts on gas supply arrangements. The City's volumes are largely closed out for 2021/22 and this will manage the risk in the short term. We will support where necessary to ensure the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) project completes on time in September to mitigate the exposure to very high electricity prices In the longer-term on-going volatility, combined with high pricing, does run the risk of diverting funding away from other activities. This is being closely monitored. 19 Apr 2022	Likelihood page and p	S. Company of the com	31-Mar- 2023	Constant

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SUR SMT 007a	Managing cost management	This element of the risk is being managed through the forward buying strategy, Power	Peter	19-Apr-	31-Mar-

	Purchase Agreement (PPA), and energy efficiency measures. A briefing note has been sent to the City Surveyor and Chamberlains. We are hedging the market by placing trades, to ensure a market reflective price, however there has been unprecedented volatility in the market over recent months. Higher prices are unavoidable, though the PPA will support a reduction in the average price of electricity post September 22.	Collinson; Graeme Low	2022	2023
SUR SMT 007b	 across both supply and generation. TGP has a low portion of income generated from UK domestic customers (thereby minimising price capping implications).	Peter Collinson; Graeme Low	1	31-Mar- 2023

SURS MT 00. Clause: Insufficient resources and prioritisation allocated to Climate Action. Strategy - Deliver programme of works on time, to budget, or with the expuried contribution to assist the delivery of the City Corporation's Climate Action Strategy. Impact: Filling to adequately invest in net zero initiatives leading to negative impact on our financial and property investments. 8 The Department has four workstreams (Department Transitives). Property, Capital Projects and Resilience, which detail the actions to be undertaken to mitigate this risk. Control of Excellence is now partially in place following successful recuitionent. The BEMS operations and Toxosia flerage Property in resourcing situation the risk likelihood has been reduced. As this is further addressed, the long-term delivery of the programme will not be impacted. Materials and technology availability is being tracked. Aligned to other departmental risks there are input price inflation and availability is being tracked. Aligned to other departmental risks there are input price inflation and availability is seen in the supply chain. This industry-wide issue continues to be tracked. Further risks may be highlighted as the programme evolves. The Department has four workstreams (Properties and Residence in Property, Capital Propert	Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating & Sco	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
recei Connison	Climate Acton Strategy - Deliver programme of works across operational and investment portfolios	to Climate Action. Event: The City Surveyor's Department fails to deliver programme of works on time, to budget, or with the required contribution to assist the delivery of the City Corporation's Climate Action Strategy. Impact: Failing to adequately invest in net zero initiatives leading to negative impact on our financial and property	Likelihood	(Investment Property, Corporate Property, Capital Projects and Resilience), which detail the actions to be undertaken to mitigate this risk. Centre of Excellence is now partially in place following successful recruitment. The BEMS operations and Housing Energy Project Manager roles remain vacant, though there is a plan to resolve this via Schneider and Arcadis respectively in the coming weeks. Due to the recovery in resourcing situation the risk likelihood has been reduced. As this is further addressed, the long-term delivery of the programme will not be impacted. Materials and technology availability is being tracked. Aligned to other departmental risks there are input price inflation and availability issues in the supply chain. This industry-wide issue continues to be tracked. Further risks may be highlighted as the programme evolves. The delivery of mitigations under this risk support the Corporate Risk CR30	Impact	2027	

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SUR SMT 001a	Investment property	Investment Property Consultant has recently been appointed for the first phases. We are anticipating work commencement in September. This workstream will counter the possibility of low value / stranded assets.	Peter Collinson; Graeme Low	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027
SUR SMT 001b	Corporate Property	Mobilisation largely complete facilitated by the delivery of the recruitment action. Housing and BEMS support will be in place in the coming weeks.	Peter Collinson; Graeme Low	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027
SUR SMT 001c	Capital Projects	Mobilisation in progress facilitated by the delivery of the recruitment action. Guidelines / brief requires clarification, and this is being resolved with the relevant internal leads. Whole Life Carbon assessments are due to begin April 2022.		14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027
SUR SMT 001d	Resilience	Mobilisation in progress facilitated by the delivery of the recruitment action. Climate Impact Modelling exercise starting in April.	Peter Collinson; Graeme Low	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027
SUR SMT 001f	Monitoring and awareness	Review of targets annually to reflect changing industry standards. This is related to the 'carbon factor' of the electricity grid, and how rapidly this de-carbonises. This may change the programme or prioritisation of works.		14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027
SUR SMT 001g	Recruitment	There is a requirement to have a team of nine for climate action, but recruitment had been delayed by governance issues. The Centre of Excellence is largely in place (as per SUR SMT 001b). in addition we have two permanent posts within the team that are currently vacant, but are in the recruitment process.	Peter Collinson; Graeme Low	14-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2027

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SUR SMT 009 Recruitment and retention of property professionals	Cause: Uncompetitive pay and benefits structures within some professional grades; poor quality work environments; lack of professional progression over recruitment freeze and restructuring period; increased employee focus on work-life balance Event: Increasingly difficult to recruit suitably skilled staff at the correct level for the grade being recruited for. Increasingly difficulty to keep staff who get better reward packages from other organisations (both commercial and public sector) Impact: Increased vacancies, objectives unachieved or delivered late (including project delivery and income generation), reduced customer satisfaction, less real estate activity, reduced employee wellbeing, demotivation of staff. Increased costs borne by the organisation though recruitment campaigns and training etc, or to the department through filling vacancies through comparatively expensive temporary contracts.	Impact	This risk has been identified within a number of divisions within the City Surveyor's Department. Across the wider economy there is an increase in the amount of jobs being offered leading to greater competition for employees. This is putting greater focus on the wider 'offer' that is being provided by the CoL/CSD in comparison to our competitors. Building magazine have cited that there are currently 48k vacancies in the construction industry, the highest figure for two decades, and this is leading to 'poaching' of staff, with premiums of up to 25% provided. Employee research (Cushman & Wakefield, JLL, Gensler) have highlighted that work-life balance is an increasing priority for staff so being aware of these evolving employee demands is critical. The cost of recruitment is also significant and can harm the overall position of the organisation. Much of this risk is outside the control of CSD, however the department continues to deliver actions to mitigate the risk where possible. Further, it has pro-actively with our corporate partners to seek further solutions. This departmental risk directly			

21-Jan-2022			supports the emerging Corporate Risk on "Skills & capacity of our people" which is current under consideration for escalation onto the Corporate Risk Register. 19 Apr 2022		Reduce	Constant
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SUR SMT 009a	Advertising	The department and the HR Business Partner has produced a recruitment best practice document, which includes ensuring that vacant posts are advertised in areas which will generate interest from suitably qualified candidates, including those currently underrepresented within our workforce. Metabolic produced a recruitment best practice document, which includes ensuring that vacant posts are advertised in areas which will progressive produced a recruitment best practice document, which includes ensuring that vacant posts are advertised in areas which will progressive produced a recruitment best practice document, which includes ensuring that vacant posts are advertised in areas which will progressive produced a recruitment best practice document, which includes ensuring that vacant posts are advertised in areas which will progressive p		19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 009b	Best Practice	Including delivery of appraisals, regular one-to-ones, team and group meetings. This aims to improve communications at all levels, ensuring that CSD is a positive work environment and that issues/blockers can be raised and addressed. In some areas career graded roles have been instituted, and deployment can be further explored.	Matthew Porpiglia; Paul Wilkinson	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 009c	Communication	Monthly communications from the department's Chief Officer so all staff feel engaged with the activities of the department.	Paul Wilkinson	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 009d	Engagement with HR	Some of the items highlighted as the 'causes' of this risk are outside the control of CSD, and engagement with our Corporate partners will be critical to overcoming these items. This departmental risk directly supports the emerging Corporate Risk on "Skills & capacity of our people"	Matthew Porpiglia; Paul Wilkinson	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 009e	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion	The department has an active ED&I network, which regularly engages with the City Surveyor and the Senior Management Team. This is seeking to make the department a more attractive destination for under-represented groups and seek to retain and progress staff from all backgrounds.	Ola Obadara	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 009f	Pay and Review Survey	Review with HR the possibility of a refreshed Pay and Review survey. This was last undertaken in January 2018 by McDonald and Co and, as noted in the update, considerable market change has occurred since this time. A budget will need to be identified for this activity for it to progress.	Paul Wilkinson	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

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SUR SMT 008 Special Structures 20-Oct-2021 Peter Young	Cause: Lack of central register for special structures and/or ambiguity over accountability, responsibility for budget provision Event: Incomplete, or not up-to-date register of special structures and planned maintenance regime Impact: Potential failure of special structure and/or forced closure of asset / space	Likelihood	6	Special structures relate to those structural elements with an asset which supports other (often public) elements, so captures basements, subroad spaces, supporting structures etc. There is no current central register of these structures within the portfolio, and therefore no current prescribed or routine inspection regime in place to ensure that these structures remain in a suitable condition. 19 Apr 2022	Likelihood	2	31-Mar- 2023	Constant

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SUR SMT 008a		Funding to undertake the technical inspections, create the inventory and survey current condition was approved as part of the CWP 22/23 Bid List. The Operations Group is now developing detailed briefs for contractors. It is anticipated that the process will run through 2022 and, depending on the gap between current and desired condition, further funding bid requests may result.	Peter Collinson; Peter Young	19-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 008b	Special structures – investment portfolio	Register for the investment estate exists but requires a refreshed survey to ensure on-going accuracy of information.		20-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023
SUR SMT 008c	Special structures – Barbican Estate	Corporate Property Group Director met with Barbican to discuss that all special structures across the Barbican are identified (not just tunnels) and that they will need to be recorded. Housing use a physical asset register system called Keystone and the rest of the portfolio (non-housing) is on Concerto (CAFM) managed by the City Surveyor.	Collinson;	20-Apr- 2022	31-Mar- 2023

	The department's Operation's Group is reviewing whether the CAFM system is the right place to record the special structures once fully identified and inspected. Barbican Estate is considering Keystone for the Barbican special structures. For Barbican Estate and Housing, point to note is that Community and Children's Services have their own corporate maintenance contract and do not use the CSD corporate BRM contractor (Skanska). This adds a further layer of complexity for Barbican, where there is more than one maintenance contractor undertaking works (housing and non-housing).		
SUR SMT 008	Corporate Property Director and Operations Group Inspector to engage with other departments to ensure that there is clarity over responsibilities and what actions need to progress to mitigate this risk comprehensively across the City of London Corporation.	1	31-Mar- 2023