

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Keats House Consultative Committee	5 February 2013
<b>Subject:</b> Ten Keats Grove (KHCC 2013-02)	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director, Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department	<b>For Information</b>
<p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>This report summarises progress in delivering Objective 2 of the Keats House Business Plan 2012-13. Progress is recorded in bold.</p> <p>Objective 2 - To transform the services provided by Keats House by developing the use of the Heath Library premises [now known as Ten Keats Grove] in partnership with others</p> <p><b>Work has continued to develop the use of the premises and in particular the relationship with the Keats Community Library as it establishes its community library there.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Recommendation</u></b></p> <p>It is recommended that this report is received.</p>	

## Main Report

### Current position

1. Ten Keats Grove has now been managed directly by the City for almost ten months and valuable experience has been gained over many of the building's practical idiosyncrasies such as the lighting systems and the central heating. While there have on occasions been challenges for the Keats House team and the external maintenance contractors, disruption particularly for the Keats Community Library has been kept as low as possible.
2. The Keats Community Library (KCL) has now clearly established its community library and is reporting growing numbers for its services. It has also already held a full programme of high profile fundraising events in the Nightingale Room which have continued the longstanding work of the former Friends of Heath Library.
3. Keats House has also used the Nightingale Room for several events in the autumn including a performance by the poet Jenny Joseph and has taken some bookings by outside organisations. The room was used as a polling station in September by the London Borough of Camden.

## **Conclusion**

4. The work at Ten Keats Grove is growing steadily and the transfer of it as part of the Keats House service to the Visitor Development and Services directorate of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Department will provide new opportunities to develop its potential further.

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