

FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE OF THE BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD
Monday, 27 February 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre
Board held at Barbican Centre on Monday, 27 February 2023 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)
Deputy Randall Anderson
Deputy Ann Holmes
Robert Glick

Officers:

Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
Claire Spencer	- CEO, Barbican Centre
Udhay Bhakoo	- Chamberlain's Department
Cornell Farrell	- Barbican Centre
Will Gompertz	- Barbican Centre
Natasha Harris	- Director of Development
Ali Mirza	- Barbican Centre
Sarah Wall	- Chamberlain's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Board.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Randall Anderson declared an interest in respect of item 4, stating that as a resident of the Barbican Estate he would be consulted as part of the Section 20 process for the Barbican Centre Lakes (De-silt) project.

3. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 16 January 2023.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the minutes would be updated to add Ali Mirza as having attended the meeting on 16 January.

The Chair asked officers to provide an update on the electrical supplies issue. Officers said that the external generator had been removed after UKPN had improved their supply and reinstated a permanent electrical supply to the theatre. A Member asked if UKPN had worked out how to supply well-regulated power. In reply, officers confirmed that UKPN had done so, by making

adjustments to the transformers. Officers confirmed that this was the second phase in a three-phase plan concerning electrical supply.

RESOLVED, that – the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record, as amended.

4. **BARBICAN CWP AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - UPDATE REPORT**

Members receive a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, providing an update on CWP and capital projects at the Barbican Centre.

The Chair asked officers for an update on the projects with a red status. In reply, officers said that the project to Replace Electrical Distribution Boards had faced delays but the contractor was due to finish the current phase by the end of March. The works on the Lakes was a joint project with the Barbican Estates Officer and had a service charge implication. Officers hoped to undertake the Section 20 consultation process soon, and in the interim had started talking to consultants and contractors. This project had been included to the City Corporation's requirement for budgets to be spent out in a financial year, and officers would need to inform the City Corporation of the need to extend the project. At the request of a Member, officers undertook to investigate the financial consequences should the consultation process lead to the project being delayed.

Members said it would be helpful to have greater clarity on the timelines for completion of projects, as some had been extant for some time, and requested that this information was included on the report for the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023 were approved as a correct record.

9. **BARBICAN BUSINESS REVIEW: NOVEMBER 2022 (PERIOD 10)**

Members receive a joint report of the Chamberlain and the CEO, Barbican Centre, providing a business review for the Barbican Centre in period 10.

10. **RISK UPDATE**

Members received a report of the CEO providing an update on the risk management system at the Barbican Centre.

11. CONTROVERSIAL PROGRAMMING RISK REGISTER

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, providing an update on the controversial programming risk register.

12. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no non-public questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business in the non-public session.

The meeting ended at 14.39

Chairman

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