TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

23rd February 2023 / 20th April 2023

FROM: BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

9th December 2022

POSSIBLE BARBICAN STRATEGY GROUP

11. VERBAL UPDATES

The Head of Major Works and Interim Head of Barbican Estates were heard in respect of the following:

11.1 Stock Condition Survey

Members noted that Savills would be delivering a presentation on 16th December, which would also be available on the residents' bulletin. The Head of Major Works advised that the initial plans presented to the Asset Maintenance Working Party (AMWP) had included costs per annum, over the next 30 years, broken down into various elements. A short internal review would follow in respect of patterns, trends, repair histories, the capital programme and consultation with residents. This would also provide an opportunity to review resources; looking at where projects could be combined, any lessons learnt, and where legislation might have an impact in future years. Officers always looked to modern, sustainable equivalents, wherever possible and within Listed Building Guidelines.

Members felt that the City Corporation was reaching an important point in the Barbican's legacy and suggested the Arup Survey, Savills' Survey, Climate Change Strategy and Barbican Renewal be considered holistically across the 30-year timeframe. The Chair reminded Members that some of these projects might be beyond the remit of the BRC. The Head of Major Works advised that the Programme would be subject to periodic reviews and more granular details would emerge. The Assistant Director stressed that officers did not work in silos on projects of this nature, quoting the 'Podium Water Proofing Programme Group' as an exemplar of cross working in the City Corporation.

Members felt that in considering the implementation of these reports over a thirty-year period there was a need for the programme to be drawn up holistically with discussions on how best to deliver the programme on a timely and integrated basis.

In the meantime and within the context of the City's post Lisvane light touch review it was Proposed by Mark Bostock, Seconded by Ruby Sayed and RESOLVED unanimously, that the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to consider setting up a Barbican Strategy Group, comprising all stakeholders, to facilitate a joined up approach to the future of the Grade 11 listed the Barbican Estate.