

## Appendix 2 - Achievements from Year 3 (FY 2023/24, Q1-Q2)

36. Advancing interventions in corporate, housing and investment properties continues to be the biggest focus. Some of the latest progress includes:

### Corporate Property Group

- Investment Grade Proposals developed, Gateway 5 approvals and entered into contract for five capital projects to be delivered in 2023/24, with a cost of £724k . Of these, three refer to major capital projects (Tower Hill Coach & Car Park for lighting & ventilation upgrades, Barbican Arts Centre for pumps/heating upgrades and the Guildhall complex for lighting upgrades) and two BMS upgrades (Building Analytics and Powertag metering).
  - Finalising Investment Grade Proposals for a further 6 projects with a capital value of £3.22m. Aim is to at GW5 approval for these before the end of December 2023 for delivery by June 2024.
- Finalised decarbonisation studies for eight sites: City of London School for Boys, City of London Freemen's School, Walbrook Wharf, Heathrow Animal Reception Centre, City of London Cemetery and Crematorium, Epping Forest The View, The Warren and Harrow Road Pavilion.
- Completed system temperature optimisation studies for Guildhall, Barbican Arts Centre and Guildhall School of Music and Drama.
  - Commenced works at Barbican Arts Centre to upgrade heating systems.
- BEMS maintenance contract being delivered.
  - Site upgrades at Smithfield Market West, London Metropolitan Archives, Walbrook Wharf and Guildhall completed in September.
  - Building Advisor (Schneider Electric BEMS software) went live at Central Criminal Court and Mansion House in September.

### Investment Property Group

- All investment properties have been surveyed, MEES reports completed, and EPC certificates received. An operational plan has been drafted.
- Smart metering strategy for investment properties is being rolled-out.

## Housing

- Finalised decarbonisation studies covering the non-heating landlord services and solar photovoltaic (PV) potential for all fourteen housing estates.
- Finalised decarbonisation studies for all five communally heating systems supplying housing estates.

37. We continue to work with a diverse set of stakeholders to learn, influence and act. A sample of engagements this quarter include:

- 148 SMEs have signed up to the course “Climate for SMEs: 4 steps to action” delivered by our partner Heart of the City (HoTC). An additional nine information and education sessions have been delivered to SMEs.
- Heart of the City's climate course has been listed as an organisation that provides climate action support on the Government's new UK Business Climate Hub.
- Successful bid to be part of the Government's Advanced Net Zero Heat Network pilot.
- Initial “club” to form part of a Square Mile multi-offtake PPA conformed.
- Successful bid to Local Energy Accelerator programme for two heat network feasibility and development studies.
- Delivered first reporting of Whole Lifecycle Carbon Assessments.
- 16 of our top 25 suppliers provided data for carbon footprinting exercise, resulting in a drop in carbon emissions.
- Action Sustainability's research on ethical procurement of solar panels project completed with participation of our procurement team.
- Engaging the top 25 suppliers on sustainable solutions to products and services. A series of trials has led to two suppliers changing materials, resulting in plastic, energy, CO<sub>2</sub> and cost savings.
- Sponsored the Livery Climate Action Group annual conference in July 2023.
- Submission of our first CDP climate disclosure. Results expected in November 2023.
- Submission to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment.
- Attended the Barbican Summer Reception in September and promoted the Green Doctor scheme and CAS volunteering opportunities.

38. We are committed to embedding CAS across the City Corporation's activities. A sample of engagements include:

- Working with the Corporate Strategy and Performance Team to ensure CAS priorities and ambitions are reflected in the new Corporate Plan.
- Training sessions about the newly Design Standard delivered to City Corporation staff across September.
- Membership of CBF's newly Climate Action Steering Group.
- First inception meetings for a Climate Champions network delivered by the environmental resilience team.

39. We are investing in the public realm and Open Spaces. And are working with others to protect and prepare them for the future.

- Finalised the Historic Buildings Challenge. A toolkit with the learnings will be published later in the year.
- Finalised the Square Mile's Local Area Energy Plan and a paper went to committee in September for approval.
- Finalised Supplementary Planning Document on Sustainability.
- The Technology standards from newly Design Standard are being trialed at Tower Hill Coach and Carpark and Guildhall projects.
- Multiple public realm and open space improvement projects delivered by the Cool Streets & Greening workstream.
  - Bevis Mark's rain garden (SuDS) completed, including four trees.
  - 31 trees planted across the City.
  - Replanting for resilience projects including St Mary Aldermanbury, John Carpenter Street and All Hallows on the Wall.
  - Noble Street Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) habitat restoration (wildflower meadow creation with Friends of City Gardens and corporate volunteers), funded by the GLA Rewild London Fund.
  - 104 new sites identified for tree planting.
- Our environmental resilience team has run several biodiversity recording volunteering opportunities open to anyone in the City. These included bee and butterfly monitoring, bat walks and moth trapping.
- Submission to the Mayor of London Climate Resilience review.