

## Appendix 2 - Achievements Q4 (FY23-24, Year 3)

1. Advancing interventions in corporate housing and investment properties continue to be the biggest focus. The ability to accelerate actions under these workstreams remains our biggest risk and biggest opportunity.

### Corporate Properties Group & Housing

- Successful grant application to the Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES) of £466,033.32 to fund energy efficiency improvements to the communal heating system at Isleden House.
- The Housing Delivery Plan has finalized internal consultation and will go to committee for final approval in the coming months.
  - Barbican Arts Centre (BAC) & Guildhall School for Music & Drama Electronically Commutated (EC) Fans and BAC Lighting – work underway and due for completion June 24.

### Investment Property Group

- All Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) reports issued.
- National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) survey reports of 10 assets (1-7 Whittington, 85 London Wall, Glen House, 200-208 Tottenham Court Road, 21 Garlic Hill) completed and received.
- Leadenhall Market net zero survey completed.

### Resilience

- Resilience Action Plan and Implementation programme developed and ready for full roll out from Year 4 (FY24/25). Sites (Electra House, Central Criminal Court, Barbican Estate, Barbican Centre, Guildhall Complex, New Broad Street, City of London School, City of London School for Girls, Blackfriars Bridge) have been shortlisted as suitable pilot projects to progress intervention measures.

### Design Standards (Capital projects)

- Working with the PMO to incorporate consideration of the Design Standard into the Project Procedure and revised Gateways, this will support embedding sustainability in how we design, construct and operate our buildings.

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

- Following a successful BID from the City of London School for Girls to the City Premium Grant to scale their climate course to City-based schools, the CAS has agreed to match-fund this with £49k to support climate literacy in City Schools.
  - Our partner Heart of the City delivered four information / education events to support recruitment activities. SMEs learnt about various net zero topics and got an insight into the type of support offered on the full climate ready program. Currently there are 179 SMEs signed up for the climate course.
  - Our Sustainable Supply Chain Manager was a keynote speaker in Action Sustainability's webinar "How to become a leading organisation within sustainable procurement".
  - Launch of sub-regional Local Area Energy Planning with GLA and other boroughs.
3. We are committed to embedding CAS across the City Corporation's activities. A sample of engagements includes:
- Delivered staff and Member briefing sessions in January 2024 on the Net Zero Design Standard and the Resilient Buildings project, including a demonstration of the Resilience Asset Tool.
  - On the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, we launched the "Climate Champions" at Mansion House. This is an organization-wide initiative including all CoLC's institutions to increase climate awareness and literacy for all interested staff members.
  - Climate action commitments have been included in over 100 contracts (outside construction).
  - Deliver Guildhall basement clear-out with high reuse. Wood donated to charity for new planters and stage, waste electrical and electronic equipment donated to inmates and furniture to charities.
  - Supplier Addison Lee (taxi's) transition to an all-electric fleet.
  - Supplier Thomas Franks have removed all single use packaging from their food displays.
  - CAS project leads have been meeting with our Public Health partners at Hackney to discuss how climate risks and adaptations can be integrated into the Health Protection going forward. The team took a presentation about this to the Children and Community Service department DLT in March 2024.
4. We are investing in the public realm and Open Spaces. And are working with others to protect and prepare them for the future.
- Throughout the Square Mile, the Environmental Resilience

Team have installed a series of temperature, air pressure, soil moisture, and drainage gully sensors at various locations. The purpose of this work is to enable the City Corporation to monitor the impacts of climate change and climate resilience interventions within the Square Mile.

- Completion of replanting sites including Whittington Gardens, St Dunstan's Hill, Angel Lane, Queen Street Place and Rood Lane. This refers to replacing existing plants with resilient plants to test different ones to see how they cope in our conditions.
  - Completion of rain gardens at Bank Junction improvements.
  - Successful bid to the GLA's Local Energy Accelerator programme for 2 heat network studies.
  - The lessons learned from the Historic Buildings Challenge (delivered in 2023) have been consolidated in a Heritage Buildings toolkit, approved by the City Corporation's Planning & Transportation Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. The launch event of the Heritage Buildings Toolkit took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at the Merchant's Livery Hall.
5. We are committed to ongoing and transparent reporting. A sample of reports in this past quarter include:
- We received the results from last year's submission to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment received the following scoring:
    1. Policy, Governance and Strategy – 67/100 (4 stars)
    2. Listed Equity – 54/100 (3 stars)
    3. Fixed Income – 58/100 (3 stars)
    4. Confidence Building Measures – 80/100 (4 stars)
      - The City Corporation's second Climate-related Financial Disclosures has been drafted and will be published in late April 2024.
      - Following our first climate disclosure submission to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the City of London an 'A' rating for taking outstanding climate action (November 2023).
      - The City Corporation was ranked within the top 20 single tier councils taking climate action in the UK in Climate Emergency UK's annual council scorecards (October 2023)