

<b>Committee:</b> Policy and Resources	<b>Dated:</b> 11 July 2024
<b>Subject:</b> Barbican Area Advisory Group	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	Flourishing Public Spaces Vibrant Thriving Destination Excellent Public Services
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Judith Finlay, Executive Director – Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

In response to a resolution from the Barbican Residential Committee (BRC) to create a Barbican Strategy Group. A subsequent report to this Committee recommended that a joined-up approach to the Barbican Complex is secured through the existing Barbican Area Advisory Group. Members approved the recommendation in principle and asked for a further report to reflect the recommendations of the discussion and the revised terms of reference.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the report
- Approve the proposals and Terms of Reference to strengthen the Barbican Area Advisory Group

### Main Report

#### Background

1. A report to this Committee on 11 April 2024 recommended that a joined-up approach to the asset management and maintenance of the Barbican Complex should be secured through enhancing the existing Barbican Area Advisory Group (BAAG).
2. Members supported the proposal in principle and made recommendations and suggestions in relation to stronger resident engagement, the chairing of the BAAG, and the role of Chief Officers and Members in relation to the BAAG.

## **Proposals**

3. It is proposed that the membership of the BAAG includes a representative of the Barbican Association and the Barbican and Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum. The membership will also be extended to include the City of London School for Girls to ensure every institution of the Barbican Complex is represented.
4. To ensure line of sight, reporting of actions, and enable the discussion and escalation of issues, the BAAG will report twice yearly (or as necessary) to the City Corporation's Executive Leadership Board, a body on which the relevant chief officers of the Barbican Complex sit, alongside the Town Clerk, Chamberlain, City Surveyor and others.
5. It is further proposed that twice yearly a meeting is convened by the Chair of the BAAG with the Chair and Deputies of the relevant governing Committees and Boards, including representatives of the Barbican Association and the Barbican and Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review progress and arising issues, however, it would not be a decision making body.
6. The BAAG is an officer group and does not have formal financial authority. Its primary purpose is to "streamline, focus and create links and efficiencies between the projects underway and proposed for the area, led by the City Corporation and its partners". It further seeks to identify the "interests and concerns of residents and other stakeholders" through "proactive and effective engagement".
7. Where issues cannot be resolved through the BAAG it will revert to existing governance, including, if necessary, Policy and Resources which acts as the cross-cutting decision maker for the Barbican Complex.
8. Revised Terms of Reference are appended. They propose that the Assistant Director – Barbican (Department of Community and Children's Services) acts as Chair of the BAAG. They allow for a Part A and Part B agenda, acknowledging that there may be items that are confidential and would be discussed under Part B having excluded public representatives.
9. If supported it is proposed the reformed BAAG commence in September 2024.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

### Strategic implications

10. The proposals of this plan support the delivery of the Corporate Plan Outcomes for Flourishing Public Spaces, Vibrant Thriving Destination and Excellent Public Services.

### Financial implications

11. Within current resources.

### Resource implications

12. Within current resources. It is noted that the Major Programmes Office is subject to a proposed restructure which may impact on future capacity to deliver the secretariat function for the BAAG.

#### Legal implications

13. The proposed approach does not give rise to any legal implications.

#### Risk implications

14. None.

#### Equalities implications

15. None.

#### Climate implications

16. None.

#### Security implications

17. None.

### **Conclusion**

18. The proposed role for the BAAG provides an opportunity for an economic, efficient and effective mechanism to secure greater consistency and co-ordination of works to the Barbican Complex infrastructure.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 - Barbican Area Advisory Group – terms of reference

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