

Committee(s) Port Health and Environmental Services	Dated: 24 th September 2024
Subject: Update on activity relating to Wardmote resolutions from the Wards of Portsoken and Cripplegate	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	Diverse Engaged Communities Providing Excellent Services Vibrant Thriving Destination
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

This Committee received Wardmote resolutions from the Wards of Portsoken and Cripplegate at its last meeting. This report provides an update on the activity underway in relation to these resolutions.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the details of the report.

Main Report

Background

1. At its last meeting, this Committee received Wardmote resolutions from the Wards of Portsoken and Cripplegate.
2. The Resolution from the Ward of Cripplegate 2nd November 2023 and 20th March 2024:

- a. “This Wardmote resolves to call upon the City Corporation to provide an adequate number of constantly available public toilets to satisfy both the existing need and the ambition of Destination City.”
3. The Resolution from the Ward of Portsoken 20th March 2024:
 - a. “We welcome the consideration given by the City of London Corporation’s Licensing Committee and Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to the issue of anti-social behaviour in Portsoken associated with the night-time economy, and further encourage the relevant Committee to consider the installation of pop-up public conveniences at night-time economy hotspots in the City to address the common issue of street urination.”
4. To consider the following Resolution from the Ward of Portsoken – 20th March 2024:
 - a. “That the relevant Committee and/or Department of the City of London Corporation investigate whether there was a statutory nuisance or health and safety hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System in the Mansell Street Estate with regard to pest infestation, and any necessary steps taken to resolve any nuisance identified.”
5. Members noted the wardmote resolutions and requested Officers to report back to the next meeting on the progress made against the Wardmote resolutions.

Current Position

The Resolution from the Ward of Cripplegate and Portsoken relating to the provision of Public Conveniences

6. Officers took a paper to July Committee relating to Public Convenience provision. The following recommendations were approved:
 - Review and enhance the publicity and signage for the City’s public toilets at allocations
 - Refurbish the toilet facilities within the City’s car parks
 - Identify potential locations for additional urilifts
 - Explore opportunities for a limited reopening of the public toilets at Blackfriars (after the completion of the Tideway project)
 - Review the benefits, promotion, and funding of the Community Toilets Scheme
 - Press for further private sector provision of public toilets through the Planning process
 - Work with ParkGuard to focus their nighttime economy resources on anti-social behaviour hotspots
 - Explore additional funding opportunities to reinvest into the provision and maintenance of public toilets

7. These recommendations will be implemented, and a subsequent progress report taken back to PHES committee.

Resolution from the Ward of Portsoken

8. The City Environmental Health officer has reviewed all 3 complaints received by the City of London between 1st January 2024 and 1st June 2024 in relation to the Guinness Estate to ensure they have either been resolved or a resolution is in action, each complaint had indeed been resolved or the treatment was in progress.
9. Officers met with Guinness Partnership on 6th June 2024 to discuss and examine the following for the Estate –
 - Details of the pest control contract,
 - Species of pests being complained about,
 - The number of complaints in the past 6 months
 - The response and resolution times
 - The outcomes of each complaint.
 - Future arrangements for the Guinness Pest Control contract.
10. A statutory nuisance or a health and safety hazard under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System requiring formal action has not been identified on the Estate, however a number of actions have been requested of Guinness to improve the response to pest control issues for residents of the Estate.
11. Residents are requested to contact their Estate Manager is the first instance to report pest issues, residents concerned about any response received is encouraged to make contact with the Pollution Control Team on 02076063030 or pollution@cityoflondon.gov.uk
12. Environmental Health Officers have undertaken surveys and have required a number of actions of landowners in the local area in relation to increasing pest treatments and undertaking preventative works.

Implications

11. Corporate & Strategic Implications:

Strategic implications – None

Financial implications – None

Resource implications – None

Legal implications - None

Risk implications - None.

Equalities implications – None

Climate implications - None

Security implications – None

Conclusion

Members are asked to note the above activities that relate to the Wardmote resolutions from the Wards of Portsoken and Cripplegate that were received at the last meeting of this Committee.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

[Resolution from the Ward of Portsoken 19th September 2023](#)

[Public Convenience Provision 9th July 2024.](#)

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