

Committee:	Date(s):
Residents' Consultation Committee	03 June 2013
Barbican Residential Committee	17 June 2013
Subject: Update Report	
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	Public
<p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <p>Barbican Estate Office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key Performance Indicators, Statistics - see appendix 1 2. Car Parks 3. Automated Payment System for Temporary Car Parking 4. Resident's Survey 5. Open Spaces 6. Current Working Parties – see appendix 4 <p>Built Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy/ Beech Street Tunnel <p>Property Services – see appendix 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Redecorations 9. Roof apportionments 10. Beech Gardens Podium Works 11. Asset Maintenance Plan 12. Asbestos in Meter Cupboards 13. Water Pressure to Tower Blocks 14. Tower Concrete Works 	

15.Public lift availability

16.Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network

17. Sustainability Working Group minutes – see **appendix 5**

City Surveyors Department – see appendix 3

18.St Alphage House

19.Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate

20.YMCA

Recommendations that the contents of this report are noted.

Background

This report updates members on issues raised by the Residents’ Consultation Committee and the Barbican Residential Committee at their meetings in January/February 2013. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Key Performance Indicators, Statistics

Appendix 1 includes a list of pending committee reports, Key Performance Indicators and statistics on Car Parking, Baggage Stores and Bicycle Stores.

2. Car Parks

The new bicycle ‘hoop’ stands in the Breton and Defoe car parks which have been funded by TFL have been completed and there is the possibility for further funding for 2013/14.

3. Automated Payment System for Temporary Car Parking

The new automated payment system for temporary car parking commenced in April and the ‘take up’ in the first month was 37%. Reminders are attached to the old ticketing system and invoices of the new automated system to encourage residents to use the new system.

4. Residents Survey

The Barbican Estate Office has received almost 500 replies to their 2013 online resident's survey – the results will be published in the summer edition of Barbicanews and presented to September committee.

5. Open Spaces

As in previous years, Fann Street Wildlife Garden will be participating in Open Garden Squares Weekend held on the 8 and 9 June 2013. All residents are welcome.

The Barbican Estate Office would like to thank all the volunteers who continue to work so hard within Fann Street Wildlife Garden. Notable projects completed last year include the traditional scything of the wild flower meadow.

6. Current Working Parties

The current list of Working Parties is contained in Appendix 4.

Built Environment

Officers from the Built Environment Department have provided the following updates:

7. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy/Beech Street Tunnel

The scheme has now been implemented with new bespoke benches and planters on Ben Johnson Place and St Giles Terrace.

Concerns have subsequently been raised about the number of seats, the design of the furniture, the layout of the scheme on St Giles Terrace and the consultation process. The scheme has been implemented as approved by The Streets and Walkways Committee (June 2011) with the same number of seats as were there previously. It was widely consulted on in September 2010 but as a result of the comments received recently by residents, we have ensured that there is no new seating closer to Gilbert House than was present prior to the scheme being installed. The scheme was planted up at Easter.

Steve Presland has met with concerned residents to discuss the issues

outlined above and with all projects we carry out a review after completion. We have therefore agreed with the Barbican Association to circulate a questionnaire to all residents asking for their views and whether they would like to see the seating and planting retained or removed.

We are in the process of preparing this consultation questionnaire with input from both members and the Barbican Association before it is circulated. Once we have received consultation responses we will take an informed decision on how best to proceed.

Beech St Tunnel:

We are still at early stages and will be working with consultants and the Barbican's Director of Operations and Buildings to explore options and understand the technical issues related to future improvements to the tunnel.

Silk Street:

Following public consultation on the proposals we will be progressing with detailed design with a view to commencing works in late 2013.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 28 January 2013.
Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 11 February 2013.

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