

Appendix 2

Requests for Release of Funding – Scheme Details

The following provides details of the four schemes for which approval to release funding of £2.05m is now sought, as summarised in Table 1 of the main report.

Barbican Library Refresh, GW3-GW5, £776k

Barbican & Community Libraries has been awarded £775k of CIL funding to make modernising improvements to Barbican Library.

These improvements will create a space that is more flexible, more welcoming and works better for customers and staff. This will be done through reducing the redundant areas of staff desk space, redesigning the public IT and fiction areas and incorporating digital display, including digital community information.

Bank Junction Improvement GW5, £750K

The project is now focussed on implementing an experimental traffic order to allow taxis through Bank Junction during restricted hours.

There will be 750k to support the cost of installing new signage and enforcement cameras, data collection, monitoring, consultation, and officer time, funded through OSPR.

In total this would take the total funding for the completion of the review and the life of the proposed experiment to a total of £1.4m including costed risk.

Guildhall North and West Wing – Creation of new Shared Collaboration Spaces GW5 270K

Following a review there will be a creation of shared, non-departmental collaboration spaces within current underutilised areas of the Guildhall North wing, for the benefit of occupiers of both North and West wings.

The new spaces will support flexible, hybrid working and enable cross-departmental collaboration in line with operational needs to improve collaboration space – introducing meeting booths, collaborative tables and soft seating. This will be paid for through City fund and City Estate capital allocations for 25/26

Barbican Fire Door Replacement Programme, GW2,250K

This project proposes a programme of works to replace all fire rated doors (including any associated panel surrounds, fanlight windows, refuse cupboards and intake cupboards) within the residential blocks of the Barbican Estate to ensure that they meet the requirements of the current Building Regulations in relation to fire safety. The works will be undertaken in 5 phases starting with the 3 tower blocks as these are considered the highest risk buildings on the Barbican Estate.

This is 250k for GW2, funded from city fund capital receipts. The current estimate for the total cost of this project is £26m, higher than previous estimates so there needs to be a discussion of how this project is funded as the main business case develops.

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