

Committee:	Date:
Culture, Heritage and Libraries	28 October 2013
Subject: Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
Summary	
In accordance with Standing Orders 41 (a) and 41(b), this report provides Members with the details of decisions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the Board's last meeting on 10 July 2013.	
Recommendation	
That the contents of the report be noted.	

Main Report

Background

1. Standing Order no. 41(a) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Property Investment Board, where in the opinion of the Town Clerk, it is urgently necessary for a decision to be made. Standing Order No. 41(b) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Property Investment Board, where the Board has delegated power to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to make a decision.

Decisions Taken Between Meetings

2. In accordance with Standing Orders 41(a) and 41(b), decisions have been taken in respect of the following matters since the last meeting of the Property Investment Board on 18 July 2012.
 - Approval of the extension of the Blue Trees installation until 27 September 2013
 - Public Art Proposal: Petroc Sesti 'Optic Sphere'

Decisions taken under Urgency Procedures

3. The following actions have been taken under Urgency Procedures (Standing Order No. 41(a)), since the last Board meeting:-

Approval of the extension of the Blue Trees installation until 27 September 2013

4. Following the positive reception received by the Blue Trees installation by Konstantin Dimopoulos in the Festival Gardens, Devonshire Square and

Aldermanbury Square, it was proposed that Members approve the extension of the installation from 26 July to 27 September 2013.

5. It was confirmed that the blue colorant was not damaging to the trees and would be removed at the expiration of the approval on 27 September. There has been a significant positive response to the installation, the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee were consulted and approved the extension of the installation.

Reason for urgency:

6. Urgent approval was sought so that the extension of the application could be approved before the expiration of the existing approval and license on 26 July 2013.

Public Art Proposal: Petroc Sesti 'Optic Sphere'

7. On the 4 October 2013 the City Arts Initiative received and considered an application from the Boghossian Foundation, Brussels. The proposal sought approval to install Petroc Sesti's 'Optic Sphere' as part of the Sculpture in the City 2013 exhibition.
8. In summary the proposals were:-
 - to place temporary sculptures at locations across the City as part of the Sculpture in the City 2013 exhibition.
 - The sculpture would be installed at St Helen's Square, 1 Undershaft London EC3P 3DQ. This is private land in front of the Aviva Tower and, as one of the project partners, Aviva fully supported the proposal.
 - The sculpture would be installed Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October and removed in mid-December 2013.
 - All costs, including City of London management fees, would be met by the artist and the Foundation.
9. Members of the City Arts Initiative had endorsed the installation and recommended it to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

Reason for Urgency

10. Urgent approval was sought to mitigate the risk of the lift plans causing delay to the completion date of the overall programme. Any delay would have resulted in additional costs to the City Corporation estimated at £9,000 per week.

Conclusion

26. In accordance with Standing Orders 41 (a), Members are asked to note the decisions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the Board's last meeting on 1 July 2013.

Background Papers:

- Optical Sphere Application
- Optic Sphere technical Submission

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