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Residents' Consultation Committee	28 May 2012	4
Barbican Residential Committee	11 June 2012	
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. Business Plan Objectives, Statistics - see appendix 1 2. Filming 3. Working Parties – see appendix 4 <p>Built Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy <p>Open Spaces Department</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Open Spaces Update <p>Technical Services Division – see appendix 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Redecorations 7. Roof apportionments 8. Trade Centre Podium Works 9. Asbestos 10. Technical Services Recharges 11. Sustainability Working Group – see appendix 5 12. Public lift availability 13. Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network 		

14. Concrete Testing

City Surveyors Department – see appendix 3

15. Barbican Occupiers Users Group

16. Crossrail

17. Barbican Arts Centre Cinema Relocation

Fringe developments

18. Frobisher Crescent

19. Milton Court Redevelopment

20. Moorgate Telephone Exchange

21. St Alphage House

22. Roman House

23. Public Lifts serving the Barbican Estate

24. 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 March 2012. This report also provides updates on other issues on the estate.

Barbican Estate Office Issues

1. Business Plan Priorities

A copy of the Barbican Estate Improvement Plan for 2011/2012 is attached at appendix 1.

This appendix also includes a list of pending committee reports, Key Performance Indicators and statistics on Car Parking and Baggage Stores.

2. Filming

A draft protocol for filming on the Barbican Estate has been reviewed by the Barbican Estate Office and the City of London Film Office and is currently being reviewed by resident representatives.

3. Working Parties

A list of all current working parties with chairman and members is attached as appendix 4.

Commercial Issues

Where possible redacted versions of commercial sensitive reports will be presented to the RCC before being reported to the Barbican Residential Committee on non public papers.

A number of projects have been moved to the City Surveyor's update as the Corporate Property Group are now taking a lead on these items. The Housing Services Commercial Manager will continue to work in liaison with the City Surveyors Corporate Property Group on these projects.

Built Environment

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

4. Barbican Area Street Scene Enhancement Strategy

The Barbican Area Streets & Walkways Enhancement Strategy was approved by the Court of Common Council in October 2008. Various priority projects were identified following feedback from Barbican residents during the extensive public consultation on the Strategy, including Moor Lane, Ben Jonson Highwalk/St. Giles Terrace and Silk Street.

The evaluation of the Moor Lane project was approved by Finance Committee in July 2011 and the proposal continues to be progressed through the detailed design phase. Works are expected to begin onsite in Autumn 2012, with residents and occupiers given advance notification of said works.

The Ben Jonson Highwalk and St Giles Terrace project was approved by the Streets & Walkways Committee in June 2011 and the proposal includes new

furniture and planting as well as the restoration of brickwork and lighting. The installation of the replacement seating is expected in Summer 2012 whilst the restoration of brickwork and planting proposals for Ben Jonson Highwalk will be progressed at a later date after the Barbican Estate Office carries out investigative drainage works on the Highwalks.

The Silk Street project is under detailed evaluation and consultation on the scheme will be carried out with residents and occupiers over Summer 2012.

The Highway Works Detailed Design report was considered at the Streets and Walkways Committee in April 2012. Members approved the recommended option of traffic slowing granite feature junctions, with the addition of zebra crossing points at the junction of Moor Lane and Silk Street and on Silk Street, west of the junction with Milton Street. This report is due to go up to the Projects Sub-Committee on May 23rd 2012. Subject to Member approval, works are expected to begin on site in September 2012. For further information on these works, please contact Bronwyn Allen on 020 7332 1208 or bronwyn.claridge@cityoflondon.gov.uk

5. Open Spaces

The Open Spaces Department began the programme of bio-remediation treatment ("bio-bombs") for the blanket weed in the lakes in April. At the same time, a treatment of Aqua Blue dye was added to the lakes (a vegetable dye that is harmless to wildlife), which helps filter certain wavelengths of sunlight in order to further inhibit algal and blanket weed growth..

The Barbican Estate Office is implementing its on-going wildlife action plan and has started the Spring programme to control the presence of seagulls on the estate.

As in previous years, Fann Street Wildlife Garden will be participating in Open Garden Squares Weekend held on the 9 and 10 June 2012. All residents are welcome.

Background Papers:

Minutes of the Barbican Residential Committee 12 March 2012.
Minutes of Residents' Consultation Committee 26 March 2012.

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