3. Redecorations

2015/16-2019/20 Programme

Cromwell Tower external redecorations commenced on 14th April. Frobisher Crescent internal and external redecorations are subject to Section 20 consultation with an anticipated start date in June 2015.

Section 20 consultation on the forward programme is now complete and we are working with City Procurement to finalise the tender documentation

4. Roof Apportionments

| BLOCK | CURRENT STATUS | Estimated Final Account Verification | Estimated Final Apportionments |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Breton House | Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party | N/A | June 2015 |
| Ben Jonson House | Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party | N/A | June 2015 |

5. Beech Gardens Podium Works (As at 24th April 2015)

Work in progress

The main contractor, VolkerLaser Ltd is nearing completion of the works that commenced in November 2013 and this is envisaged by the end of April 2015. The waterproofing element is substantially complete with a small number of isolated areas remaining to be carried out. The thirteen raised beds have been completed and the planting medium reinstated, which has allowed the soft landscaping (see below) to proceed. The tiling to paved areas is largely completed including over the reinstated bridge across the pond, opposite the entrance to Bryer Court.

Soft Landscaping

Professor Nigel Dunnett working in association with the Landscape Agency, as the appointed consultants, has laid out the plants in accordance with the final landscaping design, following on from planting of trees over loadbearing columns. Open Spaces are currently proceeding with the planting and several raised beds are already completed. The installation of the manual watering system by Fountaineers has also been completed and the majority of the tap outlets are functional and in active use by Open Spaces.

6. Asset Maintenance Plan

A meeting took place with the Chair of the RCC to determine the direction of the Asset Maintenance Working party. A report will be submitted to your next committee detailing the Terms of Reference going forward

7. Public Lift Availability

Availability of the public lifts under the control of Property Services is detailed below:

| Lift | From April 2013 to March | From April 2014 to March |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 |
| Turret (Thomas More) | 99.16% | 98.72% |
| Gilbert House | 99.70% | 99.68% |

8. Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network

Over 250 installations have taken place and blocks now live are Shakespeare, Lauderdale and Cromwell Towers Andrewes, Defoe, Ben Johnson and Thomas More Houses

The next blocks to be installed are:

Gilbert House – scheduled for mid-May

Speed House – scheduled for the end of May

Willoughby House, Seddon House, Breton House and Frobisher Crescent to follow in early June with the remaining blocks forecast towards the end of June.

Free installation has been extended to the end of June 2015

9. Concrete Works

Tenders for the concrete testing were issued on 24th April 2015 with a return date set as 15th May 2015. A programme of blocks will be determined during the evaluation of the tenders.

10. Background Underfloor Heating

The Consultant's brief has been agreed and is currently being sent out to an agreed number of consultants. The return date is likely to be 25th May 2015. Officers will liaise with Working Party members during the evaluation process.