

<b>Committee:</b> Police Committee	<b>Date:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
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### **Summary**

At your September Police Committee, the Commissioner presented a report which outlined the reasons why a decision had been made not to go ahead with the Barbican CCTV project as part of the Ring of Steel Project.

Members were advised that the City of London Police will continue its engagement and work with partners to consider other factors which may impact upon the security of the Barbican residential estate. Broadly speaking these were 3 areas:

- The City of London Corporation is currently reviewing its delivery of security at a Corporate level which includes the Barbican Centre;
- Engagement with large developments on the periphery of the Barbican and the impact these might have on security, and lastly
- The Ring of Steel programme and how this might still affect CCTV coverage around the Barbican.

The City of London Corporation has been consulted and their comments included in this update.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. At your September Police Committee, the Commissioner presented a report which outlined the reasons why a decision had been made not to go ahead with the Barbican CCTV project. This was noted by Members. The Commissioner undertook to bring a brief update on various work strands which may impact upon this matter to the January 2017 meeting of your Committee. The work strands are the City of London Corporation corporate review of delivery of security which includes the Barbican Centre, major building developments on the periphery of the Barbican Centre, more specifically the Schrodgers building and lastly, the Ring of Steel Programme.

#### **Current Position**

2. The following provides an update on the three areas where work is continuing and gives an up to date position.

## **City of London Corporate Review of delivery of security**

3. During 2016, the City of London Corporation has been reviewing its delivery of security at a corporate level.
4. Recent developments include the introduction of a new security strategy and senior security board driving internal changes in the way the Corporation delivers effective security. The Corporation has allocated funds to improve security at the most vulnerable sites and venues under its control; this includes the Barbican Centre.
5. The City of London Police provided the review team with a copy of the Forces recent Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs) report which lists some recommendations in terms of target hardening the area. The Corporation security review has taken into account the CTSAs findings at The Barbican and some local fact finding visits have been undertaken and meetings held with Security Managers.
6. The Corporation is currently allocating funds through a City Procurement Cross Cutting Security Board to The Barbican for improvements and upgrades in the following areas based on CTSAs advice:
  - ASF - Anti Shatter Film on glazing in respect of blast protection and safety from flying glass
  - CCTV - Upgrade
  - Access Control - Improvements
  - Hostile Vehicle Mitigation - Improvements to mitigate vehicle based threats
7. Traction and progress on these improvements and upgrades is reported to, and monitored by the Corporation Security Board. There have been a number of additional surveys and visits planned and undertaken as part of the tendering and approval process for the contract award for the works above. All major security reviews are authorised and overseen by the Security Board moving forward.
8. Naturally any improvements in this area will have an impact on the wider residential area and due consultation would need to take place prior to any decisions being made.
9. The Force will continue to work with the CoL review team as required to support them in this project.

## **Major Developments on the Periphery of the Barbican**

10. A number of major developments are taking place around the Barbican footprint. Most notable of the developments is the construction of Schrodgers on London Wall Place. This large development, coupled with the Cross Rail development will inevitably increase foot fall to the area. The Department of Built Environment (DBE) are commissioning work to understand the full impact.

11. The City of London Police has trained and accredited Architectural Liaison Officers (ALO) whose responsibility is to engage with developers at the very earliest stages to advise and guide architects on how best to design out crime and enhance security. The Force Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSAs) are engaged and will work alongside the architects to support target hardening against a potential terrorist threat. The ALOs will engage with the developers through the life time of the development.
12. For the Schrodgers building specifically our ALO reports that the planned CCTV quality and coverage is of an 'exceptional standard'. The building managers have been proactively engaging with the police and are very keen to foster good relations, not only with the police but also with their neighbouring residential population in the Barbican. In addition to the CCTV coverage, the building will operate routine exterior patrols of the building and environs and soft up lighting internally and externally to improve the security impression. It is the opinion of the Force ALO that the developments at London Wall Place will bring 'an enhanced security culture to the area, far greater than existed in the previous high walk area'. The estimated date for completion and handover for this development is February 2017.
13. The Force also continues to be proactively engaged with the Cross Rail programme alongside our colleagues in the DBE, where statistical information will be analysed once the Cross Rail development reopens in 2018.

### **Ring of Steel Programme**

14. Members will be aware of the programme and its aims and objectives through various reports to your Committee and the Project Sub Committee. The overall aim of the Programme is to protect the City of London from the threat of serious harm.
15. Currently the programme is focussed on stability and improvements to the *current* CCTV system and cameras. The time line for this stabilisation phase is to have the new equipment built, installed in the Host Centre and connected to our current CCTV video feeds for the end of this financial year. Once in place, full testing will then take place and it is anticipated that 'sign off' of the system will be before the end of this year or earlier. Upgrading of our current CCTV cameras is desired to allow full functionality across the CCTV network and is currently part of Stage 1 of the plan.
16. Taking into account the development in the local Barbican area as described in the previous section, the Ring of Steel Programme Board has incorporated a thorough analysis and relevant consultation processes in determining if and where any additional CCTV should be placed in the City. Scoping work has already taken place to identify areas when new CCTV sites would benefit CoLP, of which some locations are around the Barbican and Golden Lane Estates. There is no fixed timeline, approval or funding for new CCTV cameras at present.

17. The programme team will assess how changes to the City environment might change the location requirements of some of the cameras or add additional locations to the existing network.

## **Conclusion**

18. The Commissioner undertook to provide a short update on the work strands currently taking place which may have an impact on any further CCTV coverage for the Barbican Centre. The Force is fully engaged with partners at the City of London Corporation as appropriate on these work strands. A further update will be provided to a future Committee if desired.

19. Large developments on the edge of the Barbican residential estate will no doubt raise resident concerns over security. The City of London Police will continue to address those concerns and police the estate in an appropriate and proportionate manner, through our local community policing model and response capability.

## **Background Papers**

Pol 44-16- Barbican CCTV Project

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