

Committee: Barbican Residential Committee	Date: 17 December 2017
Subject: Decision taken under Delegated Authority/ Urgency procedures the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk Report author: Julie Mayer	For Information

Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, since the last meeting of the Committee and in accordance with Standing Order No. 41.

Urgent Decision: Cultural Hub Public Realm Temporary Artistic Projects Look and Feel ‘Quick Wins’ - Phase 1

The Cultural Hub Working Party and its Chairman expressed a strong desire to see a series of ‘Quick Wins’ across the Cultural Hub, ahead of the proposed major capital interventions, and an indicative programme was endorsed by the Working Party on 1 February 2017. A Gateway 1/2/3/4 report was approved by Members in March 2017 to initiate the programme.

A creative producer was subsequently appointed to put the programme together; artists were appointed to do some pre-evaluation work; designs were drawn up and costs clarified.

Reasons for Urgency

The artworks needed to be in situ for a 3 month duration starting, on 20 July 2017, to coincide with the launch of the new name and identity for the Cultural Hub. Given the short time-frame involved, the lead-times to deliver the projects were extremely tight and did not align with the Committee cycle. An urgent decision was therefore sought.

Action Taken:

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and most senior Member of the Barbican Residential Committee approved the temporary installation along the façade of Speed House Car Park on Silk Street

Barbican Estate Residential Stores (issue report)

There is currently a waiting list of over 260 residents for a store. This project would include an additional 316 stores within unoccupied car park areas and former car bays in order to provide future proofing for residents demands for stores. Overall current car park occupancy is 67% (498 vacant bays).

In order for the City to make the best use of its assets the option for the new stores in the car parks to be let to non-Barbican residents within walking distance should there be insufficient demand from Barbican Estate residents' needs to be considered. It is proposed that this letting policy would come into effect from 6 months following the completion of the new stores project, subject to planning permission and approval from the Barbican Residential Committee.

Reason for urgency

The Barbican Residential Committee was due to meet on 11th September 2017 but it did not make a quorum of 4 non-resident Members and therefore this decision was taken under urgency provision.

Action taken

1. The policy for the new stores in the car parks, to be let to non-Barbican residents within walking distance should there be insufficient demand from Barbican Estate residents, was approved.
2. The letting policy to come into effect after 6 months following, the completion of the new stores project, by the Barbican Residential Committee, subject to planning permission.
3. The policy be subject to a twelve-month review by the Barbican Residential Committee.
4. The budget for fees be increased by a further £3,250 to reach the next Gateway.

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