

## ADDENDUM PLANNING SERVICES WORK REPORT

### BUILDING CONTROL

- Fee earning Applications received 2017 (Apr to date) - 917
  - Fee earning Applications received 2016 (Apr – Mar) - 1252
  - Fee income from applications 2017 (Apr to date) – £800k
  - Fee income from applications 2016 (Apr – Mar) – £637k
- 5.29 Haringey Building Control Service continues to provide valued customer services that customers (in their various guises) both appreciate and value. Applications over the year to date are similar in number to last year. Building Control are consistently being asked to check applications outside of our Borough, although we have to be careful in not taking on more applications than we can service, especially as the work on the major sites in the Borough are becoming more surveyor intensive, requiring more and more inspections. Fee income continues to look positive, partly due to larger projects, such as St Lukes, Hornsey Depot and THFC being on site. Work on the THFC stadium continues apace and the coming 12 months will be very difficult balancing the new building works whilst maintaining the safety at the existing stadium. Building Control continue to issue the Safety Certificate and monitor compliance on a match by match basis.
- 5.30 Dangerous Structures have as always been ever prevalent, both within normal office hours and outside office hours with the team has been “called upon” over 120 times to date.
- 5.31 BC consult continues to grow in stature providing affordable expert advice to other Council services. This advice ranges from party wall agreements to feasibility studies to structural surveys to structural repairs to bridge inspections and strengthening to highways related works and so on. The consultancy work continues to grow and is widely used by colleagues in Homes for Haringey and continues to be respected throughout the Council. This growth has also been reflected in the fee income for this service, although this income also includes expenditure i.e. both staffing costs and payments to contractors, therefore caution should be taken regarding the base figure. To date this year, significant projects include all the party wall awards on the Council infil projects and project managing the replacement of the Wightman Road Bridge over the main line railways that has now been completed and reopened.
- 5.32 The coming challenge for Building Control during the second half of the year, is to complete the restructure (phase 2 of the Planning Service restructure). This has become even more important as we have recently lost a valued member of staff and need to recruit in order to be able to satisfy clients/customers who are paying for our service. The restructure is critical in order to be able to recruit in a very challenging market place. The restructure, although agreed through various consultations, has not yet progressed due to a hold up with HR. In order for Building Control to maintain its competitive edge and continue with the excellent fee income, this restructure must be completed, otherwise we run the risk of losing further valued and committed staff.

## FEES AND CHARGES

The proposed changes to the fees and charges to apply from 3 April 2017 for both Building Control and Development Management are attached. The changes are inflationary increases across the board together with a doubling of the householder pre-application fee in order to achieve cost recovery and removal of the discount for commercial pre-applications. There is also an increase proposed for the Quality Review panel fees.