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Dear Member

Exhibition Of Paintings

As a BLU member, you are invited to a private viewing to take place from 7:00 pm on Thursday November 7th. Many swimmers will have observed these paintings in progress as Andrew spent many hours working on them at the poolside during the summer.

Proposals for the future of the Lido outlined at BLU Meeting on October 5th

At the BLU meeting on October 5th, Paul Harvey, Capital Assets Business Development Manager for Lambeth, gave a brief outline of the ideas that have been submitted for the future of the Lido. Five organisations have responded to Lambeth's invitation to express interest in running the Lido and establishing an additional activity to subsidise it. Three of these have been short listed and invited to develop detailed proposals, including architectural plans and capital estimates, to be submitted in December. There is a brief summary of the initial ideas submitted on the 'Management proposals' page of BLU's Web site at www.brockwelllido.com. There will be further consultation with the local community in the New Year when the final plans have been received.

Four Lambeth Councillors attended the meeting: Clare Whelan, Executive Member for the Environment, Clive Bennet, Paul McGlone and Jonathan Myerson.

Cllr Clare Whelan thanked BLU for the help they are giving to the campaign to secure the future of the Lido and stated that the council is committed to finding a solution that removes the Lido from the vagaries of council budgets and creates a more secure future. The final option must satisfy the community. She also stated that the council is committed to keeping the Lido open until Autumn 2003 when the new management plans are scheduled to begin, although finding the funding to do so will be difficult.

The meeting split into working groups to discuss the criteria for the future management of the Lido under any option that is chosen. The notes from these discussions are to be sent to the Lambeth Steering Group, to the councillors present at the meeting and are posted on the BLU web site.

Thank you to all members who attended. We will let you know as soon as the date for consultation on the final versions of the proposals for the future of the Lido is known.