

Imperial College Union

BEIT REDEVELOPMENT: PHASE II

A note by John Collins, IC Union President

Background

Council members will be aware that the ICU is part way through implementing an extensive refurbishment the Beit Building.

The first phase, costing £1.2M, has been delivered and we are waiting to hear from Imperial College whether funds will be made available for phase II. If necessary funding is secured, we wish to start work as soon as possible to keep disruption during term time to a minimum level.

Council is invited to approve in principle and subject to funding becoming available the expenditure required to deliver the next phase of the redevelopment project. In brief, this project will deliver:

1. A new student activity, resource and advice centre on a new floor in the Union gymnasium,
2. A new gymnasium and multi-use club space on the top floor (west wing),
3. Refurbished meeting room space in the east basements,
4. Renewed electricity and utility infrastructure throughout the building,
5. Energy efficiency initiatives including secondary glazing, draught reduction, low energy lighting and utility insulation where feasible.

Project Management

This project will be co-ordinated by the Beit Masterplan Project Group, which shall report to the Executive Committee.

Caveats

The College may impose conditions on the Union if they choose to support this project and further negotiations may be required. It is suggested that the Executive Committee is empowered to manage these negotiations should they be required.

Appendix

The appendix shows the Project Initiation Document (PID) that was submitted to the College for consideration for a grant earlier this term. All cost and works details are summarised in this document.

Decision required

1. To approve up to £3.2M capital expenditure on the second phase of the Beit Redevelopment project, subject to the provision of a grant from Imperial College.
2. To delegate authority to the Beit Masterplan working group to manage the second phase of the redevelopment project.
3. To nominate the Executive Committee as the accountable body for the Beit Redevelopment project and grant them the powers to negotiate with the College over any changes to the Masterplan that may be required.