

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 9 July 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 9 July 2014 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Jeremy Simons (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Deputy John Barker (Ex-Officio Member)
Revd Dr Martin Dudley
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Sylvia Moys
Graham Packham

Officers:

Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department
Steve Presland	Department of the Built Environment
Victor Callister	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	Department of the Built Environment
Rob Oakley	Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	City Police
Norma Collicott	City Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jeremy Simons, Alex Bain-Stewart, Brian Harris, Oliver Lodge and Deputy Michael Welbank.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June, 2014 be approved.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that

they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

4. CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY

The Sub Committee received a presentation from representatives from Transport for London in respect of the proposals for the East-West and North-South Cycle Routes.

PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the public be invited back into the meeting.

5. RIVERSIDE WALK ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY | MILLENNIUM BRIDGE AREA

The Assistant Director, Environmental Enhancement informed the Sub Committee of a slight change in scope to adjust the design and construction of the drainage/irrigation on the Riverside Walk (Millennium Bridge) site as result of ground contamination.

The Assistant Highways Director informed the Sub Committee that work on the Millennium Bridge Area would commence in July 2014 once the School had closed for the summer.

RERSOLVED – That the change to the scope of the project be noted.

6. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-

6.1 Cheapside & Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy - boundary change request and pre-consultation report

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered which set out a proposed change to the Cheapside and Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy boundary and outlined the planned public consultation exercise on its review.

In response to a question, the Assistant Director, Environmental Enhancement provided assurance the consultation for this project would be coordinated with that of the Barbican Area Strategy. It was noted that clear branding would be thought up to differentiate between the two consultations.

Page 17 of the report showed a plan of key public realm enhancement opportunities and it was agreed that an update would be provided to the next meeting in relation to courtesy crossings on Gresham Street.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the scope of the Cheapside Area Enhancement Strategy to include the Guildhall area be extended;
- b) additional resources of £20,761 be approved to carry out the consultation and finalise the strategy document £11,000 (fees) and £9,761 (staff costs) to be funded from the Section 106 agreement connected to the redevelopment of 100 Cheapside;

- c) the public consultation on the Cheapside and Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy be agreed to take place over autumn 2014;
- d) authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment to finalise the details of the relevant consultation materials in liaison with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

6.2 Update Report - Road Danger Reduction in the Shoe Lane Area – Stonecutter Street & Little New Street

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered which provided an update in relation to the Road Danger Reduction in the Shoe Lane area (Stonecutter Street and Little New Street).⁹

RESOLVED – That,

- a) lessons learnt be noted from the previous report (Appendix C) and the project be closed; and
- b) the unspent balance be returned to the developer as per the conditions of the Section 278 agreement.

6.3 Outline Options Appraisal (Gateway 3) – Fleet Buildings & Plumtree Court Highway Improvements

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered regarding the Fleet Buildings and Plumtree Court Highway Improvements.

The Sub Committee commented on the importance of ensuring that consideration is given to maintenance costs and ensuring the materials used for the highway provide top level safety.

RESOLVED –That,

- a) Option 1 at a cost of £250,000 be approved as outlined in the report and progression to the detailed design stage (Gateway 4) subject to the S106 contribution from the Fleet Buildings & Plumtree Court development being received (£1,636,475);
- b) the merging of the approved S106 Highways option with the S278 Security & Public Realm proposals be approved and both elements of the project be reported back to Members as a single project via a Gateway 4 report; and
- c) Delegated authority be given to the Director of the Built Environment and Head of Finance to adjust the budget between the elements listed in the fees, staff costs, and between the two (as indicated above), once more robust estimates have been established over the course of the detailed design stage.

6.4 Bart's Close public realm enhancements

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered in relation to the Barts Close public realm enhancements.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) The detailed options be developed in line with the project objectives set out in Appendix 1, at an estimated cost of £75,000 (staff costs), subject to prior receipt of written confirmation by the developer of Bart's Close

- that such costs will be met through early payment of the Section 106 contribution in respect of the further Public Realm Works sum; and
- b) the Comptroller & City Solicitor be authorised to enter in to any necessary arrangements and/or agreements to secure the early payment (if required).

6.5 Liverpool Street: Crossrail Urban Integration Gateway 3 report

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered regarding the Crossrail Integration at Liverpool Street.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for,

- a) £115,000 to allow for design proposals to be progressed in line with the project funding estimates as set out in Table 1; and
- b) decision making authority over the Gateway 4 (stage 1) report to be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub-committee.

6.6 2-6 Cannon Street (Offsite Works) Gateway 3 report

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered regarding the off-site works at 2 – 6 Cannon Street.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the project continuing to the next gateway, subject to receipt of funding from the developer.

EXTENSION OF THE MEETING

At this point, the time limit for Committee meetings as set out in Standing Order No 40 had been reached, but there being a two-thirds majority of the Committee present who voted in favour of an extension, the Committee agreed to continue the meeting.

6.7 125 Wood Street - S278 Work

A report of the Director of the Built Environment was considered regarding S278 works at 125 Wood Street.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the footway paving material surrounding the 125 Wood Street building be upgraded to York stone;
- b) Officers be authorised to negotiate the necessary legal agreements in order for the developer to pay the full costs of this upgrade, with the highways works being undertaken by the City's Term Contractor; and
- c) Officers be authorised to seek funding to upgrade with York stone the remaining section of Wood Street that is currently finished in mastic asphalt. When a suitable funding source has been identified, the decision to proceed with these works should be delegated to the Director of the Department of the Built Environment.

7. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

Storage Cabins on St Mary's Axe – Further to a question, the Assistant Highways Director advised that the storage cabins were part of the work to complete the Bury Court Scheme and for site welfare to work on Leadenhall Street. The cabins were due to be removed to a safer location.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

Bank By-Pass Walking Routes project

The Assistant Director, Environmental Enhancement informed the Sub Committee that Officers were currently developing detailed design options and are at Gateway 4 of the Project Approval Procedure for the Bank By-Pass. The Transport for London (TfL) funding for the project was time-bound and must be spent by 31 March. In addition, the consultation on the design with local occupiers has just been completed and the Gateway 4 report was now being prepared.

In order to maintain the programme, Gateway 4 approvals need to be sought by September 2014. Members noted that Officers intended to submit the Gateway 4 report to Projects Sub Committee at their 2nd September meeting and this was by way of a request for agreement to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee to approve the Gateway 4 report.

RESOLVED – That delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee to approve the Gateway 4 report in relation to the Bank By-Pass Walking Routes project.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2014 be approved.

11. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.15 pm

Chairman

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