

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Deputy Alastair Moss (Deputy Chairman)	Oliver Lodge
Randall Anderson	Paul Martinelli
Sir Mark Boleat	Deputy Brian Mooney
Mark Bostock	Sylvia Moys
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Barbara Newman
Emma Edhem	Graham Packham
Sophie Anne Fernandes	Susan Pearson
Marianne Fredericks	Judith Pleasance
Graeme Harrower	Deputy Henry Pollard
Christopher Hill	Jason Pritchard
Alderman Robert Howard	James de Sausmarez
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark	William Upton

Officers:

Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department
Jennifer Ogunleye	-	Town Clerk's Department
Deborah Cluett	-	Comptrollers & City Solicitor
Carolyn Dwyer	-	Director of Built Environment
Annie Hampson	-	Department of the Built Environment
Paul Monaghan	-	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	-	Department of the Built Environment
Christopher Bell	-	Chamberlain's Department
Ted Rayment	-	Department of the Built Environment

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Nicholas Lyons

The Chairman welcomed the recently appointed Alderman Nicholas Lyons to his first meeting of the Committee.

Annie Hampson

The Chairman reported that Annie Hampson, Chief Planning Officer, had been awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to Planning in London.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman expressed his congratulations to Annie on a richly deserved award from Her Majesty the Queen.

Sylvia Moys

The Chairman reported that Mrs Sylvia Moys had been awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to for services to the City of London Corporation and Education in Croydon.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman expressed his congratulations to Mrs Moys on a richly deserved award from Her Majesty the Queen, and in particular her services to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Henry Colthurst, Alderman Gregory Jones, Oliver Sells and Deputy James Thomson.

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

There were no declarations.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 be approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Judith Pleasance as being marked present, and Henry Colthurst and Sophie Anne Fernandes being marked as having given apologies.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Ludgate Circus

A member questioned what progress had been made since the last meeting and the Chairman reported that a letter had now been sent to TfL, a copy of which would be circulated to the Committee.

The member expressed concern at the length of time it had taken for the letter to be sent, and asked whether or not it had also been signed by the Chairman of Policy and Resources as agreed at the last meeting.

The Director of the Built Environment advised that an additional letter would be prepared as a matter of urgency, and gave her assurance that the issue would be treated as a priority.

Thames Court Footbridge

A member expressed disappointment that there had been no further progress on the Thames Court Footbridge and asked why this was the case.

The Assistant Director, Engineering advised that the form of deed to 'acquire' the structure had been agreed before Christmas and officers were now pushing

for completion by the 12th of January.

The initial inspection had been completed in December and the consultant's report was currently being drafted and had been promised to be with City officers by the 12 January. There had been some delay caused by the longer than expected time required to secure a highway closure from TfL. During this time officers had established the company responsible for the original bridge design and requested that they explore their archives to retrieve original design detail etc.

Officers were meeting with senior members of the term consultant engineers to review their costings and time allocation for the next stage of investigations which would be a detailed structural assessment and loadings report. Assuming final costings could be agreed it was expected that this work would be commissioned before the end of January.

The member advised that the situation remained unsatisfactory and indicated that he would be submitting his question to the Court of Common Council requesting a more detailed response.

6. DELEGATED DECISIONS

The Committee received a report of the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director in respect of development and advertising applications determined by the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director or those so authorised under their delegated powers since the last meeting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

7. VALID APPLICATIONS LIST FOR COMMITTEE

The Committee received a report of the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director detailing valid development applications received by the Department of the Built Environment since the last meeting.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

8. REPORTS RELATIVE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 54-58 Bartholomew Close

This item was withdrawn.

b) Public Comments in Planning Reports

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) detailing the various methods of reporting comments received in respect of planning applications and proposing a revised method of doing so.

RESOLVED - To agree that reports will include a fuller summary of comments received but copies of the actual documents will be provided as a separate bundle. Members will receive the Committee papers as per their current arrangement with the Town Clerk in electronic form and in addition where agreed, in paper form. (TC to confirm with Committee members how they wish to receive them)

9. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

a) Freight and Servicing Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation and Adoption

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting the outcomes of the consultation on the draft Freight and Servicing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and recommended revisions to the document.

The Committee was advised that the Freight and Servicing SPD had been produced to provide additional guidance on policies in relation to deliveries and servicing of new developments and aimed to reduce the negative environmental impact of freight and servicing on the City.

Members made a number of comments in relation to the refusal of planning approval for buildings that relied upon night time or weekend delivery and servicing, the need to align the SPD with planning guidelines, the need for more onsite servicing, whether or not the transport strategy should be considered first, and the need to make more use of Walbrook Wharf and the river.

RESOLVED – That officers review the comments made by Members of the Committee and recirculate the document with the amendments.

b) Major Highway Works for 2018

The Committee received a report detailing the major highways works for 2018 and outlining how disruption would be kept to a minimum in line with statutory duties.

In response to a question concerning 'lane rental', officers advised that the Government was currently consulting on this initiative and undertook to report back to the Committee following the outcome of this.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

c) **City of London Transport Strategy - Scope, Process and Programme**

The Committee received a report outlining the scope of the City of London Corporation's Transport Strategy and the process and programme for developing the Strategy which had been considered and approved by the Local Plans Sub-Committee.

A member commented that he expected that the single most significant source of input on the consultation for each of the LIP and Transport Strategy would be the Members, particularly of this Committee, as they represented the key stakeholders. Since this Committee was a ward committee, all the wards would be represented. The member noted that paragraph 10 of the report stated that the principal mechanism for engaging Members would be the Local Plan Sub Committee. While it was plainly appropriate that this Sub Committee be fully engaged in this matter, the Member asked that - in view of its importance - the full Committee have the opportunity to debate the draft consultation paper for each of the LIP and the Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the full Committee have the opportunity to debate the outcome of each consultation, and that time be allowed in the timetable for making any changes resulting from these debates.

10. **100 BISHOPSGATE CITY WALKWAY AGREEMENT**

The Committee received a report concerning a city walkway agreement at 100 Bishopsgate.

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Comptroller and City Solicitor to enter into a city walkway agreement with the developer of 100 Bishopsgate in accordance with the principal reservations, limitations and conditions set out in the report.

11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

'Green' Initiative

A Member for Dowgate Ward reported that 'green' initiatives were a priority for his ward and asked if a report detailing these could be brought to a future meeting.

The Director of the Built Environment suggested that this could be done by way of an annual report as many of the initiatives came under the remit of other Committees.

Transport for London

A Member reported that an issue she had raised with TfL on behalf of a constituent had been answered with a 'not within our jurisdiction' response and asked if regular dialogue took place?

The Director of the Built Environment advised that regular liaison with TfL did take place, and undertook to provide the member with a detailed response on the matter in question.

Dowgate Hill/Cannon Street

A member asked if the provision of a taxi rank in this area could be explored which officers agreed to look into.

Yellow Bikes

A member reported that more and more yellow bikes were being dumped around the streets creating obstructions, a particular concern for partially sighted people, and asked what could be done to address the issue.

Officers reported that as a dockless cycle hire scheme could operate with no on-street infrastructure, companies were able to operate their schemes without the express consent of the Highway Authorities although bikes deemed to be causing an obstruction or nuisance could be removed.

Officers advised that all cycle hire operators were encouraged to sign up to the Code of Practice which had been approved by the Committee in October 2017.

It was agreed that a copy of the Code of practice should be circulated to all members of the Committee together with details for how to report obstructions.

Millennium Inclinor

A Member reported that this had recently been out of service again and it was agreed that the City surveyor should be asked to provide an update.

Blackfriars Bridge Underpass

A Member expressed concern regarding the poor state of the underpass at Blackfriars Bridge and asked who was responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of it.

Officers advised that there were overlapping responsibilities between the CoL and TfL and discussions were taking place with TfL to address the problem.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items 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.

14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Responses to the matters arising were noted.

15. **SECURITY PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered and agreed a progress report of the Director of the Built Environment in relation to the Security Programme.

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

There were no non-public questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm

Chairman

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