

## **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 26 July 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

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| Christopher Hayward (Chairman)         | Shravan Joshi              |
| Deputy Alastair Moss (Deputy Chairman) | Oliver Lodge               |
| Randall Anderson                       | Andrew Mayer               |
| Peter Bennett                          | Deputy Brian Mooney        |
| Mark Bostock                           | Sylvia Moys                |
| Sir Mark Boleat                        | Barbara Newman             |
| Deputy Keith Bottomley                 | Graham Packham             |
| Henry Colthurst                        | Judith Pleasance           |
| Peter Dunphy                           | Susan Pearson              |
| Emma Edhem                             | Graeme Smith               |
| Stuart Fraser                          | Alderman Sir David Wootton |
| Marianne Fredericks                    |                            |
| Alderman Prem Goyal OBE JP             |                            |
| Graeme Harrower                        |                            |
| Christopher Hill                       |                            |
| Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark              |                            |
| Alderman Gregory Jones QC              |                            |

#### **In Attendance:**

Alderman David Graves

#### **Officers:**

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| Angela Roach   | - Assistant Town Clerk                |
| Natasha Dogra  | - Town Clerk's Department             |
| Iain Simmonds  | - Town Clerk's Department             |
| Paul Beckett   | - Department of the Built Environment |
| Ian Hughes     | - Department of the Built Environment |
| Steve Presland | - Department of the Built Environment |
| Alison Hurley  | - City Surveyor's Department          |
| Paul Monahan   | - Department of the Built Environment |
| David Horkan   | - Department of the Built Environment |
| Simon Owen     | - Chamberlain's Department            |
| Simon McGinn   | - City Surveyor's Department          |
| Karen McHugh   | - Comptroller's and City Solicitors.  |

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Rehana Ameer, Stuart Fraser, Christopher Hill, Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, James De Sausmarez, Oliver Sells and William Upton.

**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 public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising:**

A Member raised concerns over the wording within Officers' recommendations referring to the Mayor of London being "given" 14 days to consider planning applications under the Town & Country Planning Order 2008. The Committee re-stated that in future the wording should make reference to the Mayor of London exercising his right to consider such applications.

**4. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED-** That the draft public minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2018 be received.

**Matters Arising:**

**Beech Street**

A Member raised a query regarding the impact of the traffic model proposal to implement an eastbound closure on eastbound traffic. The Member was informed that Officers were exploring the options for the traffic model and a report would be submitted to the September Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee meeting.

**5. DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

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. A Member encouraged the Committee to look up the plans proposed for substantial changes to the ground floor, mezzanine and retail units in the Royal Exchange.

A Member requested that further details on the planning applications for the proposed Communication Totem structure, as set out in the Delegated Decisions schedule, be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

**6. RESOLUTION FROM THE OPEN SPACES AND CITY GARDENS COMMITTEE**

The Planning and Transportation Committee received a resolution of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee from their meeting held on 16 July 2018 detailing the concerns the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee had regarding an application to build temporary structures at the Inner Temple. The Committee noted the concerns raised by the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee.

**RESOLVED** - That the resolution 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. ILLUMINATED RIVER - HEADS OF TERMS**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment which detailed the proposed legal agreement, based on a set of Heads of Terms, between the Illuminated River Foundation (IRF) and the City of London Corporation.

Members were made aware of a number of comments received from the Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee. The Committee were in agreement that by entering into the proposed Heads of Terms the City Corporation would safeguard the interests of the Bridge House Estates. Members queried the detail of the Heads of Terms and asked Officers to include more detail before a decision could be taken by Members.

A Member queried whether photographs of the proposed illumination of Tower Bridge were available and was advised that these photographs would be circulated to the Committee via email. Discussions ensued on the ongoing maintenance costs of the proposal and Officers informed Members that these costs would be the responsibility of the Foundation. Members noted that whilst they required further information in order to make an informed decision, the Foundation were due to tender for installation equipment over the summer. The Committee agreed that whilst a decision taken under delegated authority would keep the project on track, all Members must be sent the detailed Heads of Terms and photographs of the illumination proposed for Tower Bridge.

In response to a query, Officers informed the Committee that whilst the City Corporation were the owners of Tower Bridge, planning consent for the proposal was due to be sought from the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Southwark. Members noted that the decision did not require the consideration of the Corporate Asset Sub Committee, and the matter remained within the remit of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

**RESOLVED** - That the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to consider the following:

- I. Authorising the Director of the Built Environment to sign the final Heads of Terms on behalf of the City Corporation as trustee of Bridge House Estates; and

- II. Authorising the Comptroller & City Solicitor, in consultation with the Director, (both acting for the City in its capacity as trustee of Bridge House Estates) to negotiate the detailed terms of the legal agreement based on the agreed Heads of Terms, and subsequently execute that legal agreement; and
- III. Approving the commitment of £500k of Bridge House Estates' existing bridge maintenance budget, already deferred to align with the project, to support delivery of the lighting at London Bridge.

**9. LONDON BRIDGE WATERPROOFING AND BEARING REPLACEMENT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment on the Project Proposal and Options Appraisal for the London Bridge Waterproofing and Bearing Replacement.

A Member requested that a briefing be arranged for any Members interested in the bridge construction and proposed works, which Officers agreed to organise.

**RESOLVED** - That: -

- I. The spending of £84,000 from the Bridge House Estates Funds to appoint AECOM and a bearing replacement contractor to prepare a specification for the bearing and waterproofing replacement is agreed; and
- II. The delegation of the procurement strategy to Chief Officer in conjunction with the Chamberlain is agreed.

**10. TEMPLE AREA TRAFFIC REVIEW - BOUVERIE STREET**

The Committee were invited to consider the report of the Director of the Built Environment in relation to the traffic review in the Temple Area.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**11. ANTI-TERRORISM TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: 2017**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment that reviewed the uses of the City's permanent Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order (ATTRO) during 2017.

**RESOVED** - that the report be noted.

**12. CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PROPOSED RENAMING OF PEDESTRIAN ROUTE: BARKER BRIDGE**

The Committee considered a report on the responses to a consultation to rename a replacement bridge 'BARKER BRIDGE' after John Alfred Barker OBE, the former Chief Commoner and Member for Cripplegate Ward.

Discussions ensued regarding the consultation undertaken by Officers. Members noted that the statutory consultation undertaken by Officers included the London Fire Brigade and Royal Mail, neither of whom had objected to the proposal. However, a number of objections had been received in response to a site notice posted by Officers. These responses had been circulated to

Members of the Committee. The initial responses had included two responses in support of the proposal from City Corporation Members. Since then both Members had rescinded their support and now objected to the proposal.

Members spoke in objection to the proposal and agreed that this debate should have taken place when the Committee first considered the idea in February 2018. Members noted that whilst Mr John Baker had made a number of considerable contributions to the City of London it was not appropriate to rename the pedestrian route after him at this time. It was also highlighted that there was no current need to rename the route and it could continue to be named St Alphage Highwalk. Members agreed that Mr Barker's contribution could be celebrated in a more appropriate manner, perhaps with a dedication plaque on a bench in the square mile.

A Member stated that whilst he had not initially raised concerns over the proposal when the Committee first discussed it at their meeting in February 2018, he did feel uneasy about the proposal then. The Member commented that he had been a friend of Mr Barker and would remember him fondly but did not believe such proposals should be considered by Members as it led to uncomfortable situations arising. The Member agreed that there were other more suitable ways of commemorating Mr Barker.

A Member highlighted the many contributions Mr Barker had made to the City of London. The Member also brought to the Committee's attention that the two statutory consultees had not objected to the proposal as there was no risk of emergency services or members of the public losing their way if the route were to be renamed. The Member also commented that had she been made aware of the site notice she would have submitted a letter of support.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the recommendation to instruct the Director of the Built Environment to approve the name Barker Bridge and issue the statutory order and make arrangements for a suitable naming ceremony, with one Member in favour of the recommendation, 20 Members opposing the recommendation and 2 Members abstaining.

**RESOLVED - That-**

- I. All the responses to the statutory consultation and site notice on renaming a replacement bridge which forms part of St Alphage Highwalk as BARKER BRIDGE be considered; and
- II. That the St Alphage Highwalk not be renamed.

**13. BRIDGING HOME (LONDON) 2018: CITY WALKWAY INSTALLATION AND TEMPORARY PUBLIC ACCESS RESTRICTION**

The Committee considered a report on Bridging Home (London) 2018 from the Director of the Built Environment. The report detailed that the proposed artwork architectural installation by Do Ho Suh and is part of the Sculpture in the City programme. In addition, the report noted that the artwork is proposed to be installed on a city walkway bridge over Wormwood Street.

Members queried whether an equalities impact assessment had been undertaken and were informed that the only access to the walkway was via staircases. Members noted that under the City of London Various Powers Act the walkway could only be closed for a maximum of 3 months but would still serve as fire escape and safety access during this time.

In response to a query regarding the funding for the proposed sculpture, Members were informed that the City Corporation had committed £125k of private sponsorship over the next 3 years to the Sculpture in the City initiative.

**RESOLVED:** - That-

- I. The placing of the Bridging Home (London) 2018 artwork on the Wormwood Street city walkway bridge is agreed; and
- II. Authorize the closure of the city walkway over the Wormwood Street city walkway bridge for a period of three months and delegate to the Assistant Director (City Public Realm) authority to determine the appropriate start date for the closure.

**14. DISTRICT SURVEYORS END OF YEAR REPORT 2017/18**

The Committee received a report on the workings of the District Surveyor's office from the Director of the Built Environment. The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed District Surveyor Gordon Roy to his first meeting. The District Surveyor informed Members that he was eager to attend Planning and Transportation Committee meetings more frequently to ensure Members remained aware of the full range of work undertaken by the District Surveyor's staff.

Members noted a number of highlights from the end of year report, in particular the achievements of Officers working with Transport for London, City of London Police and the Metropolitan Police to implement safety measures along London Bridge in the wake of the terror attack in June 2017.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

**15. MIPIM PROPERTY CONFERENCE 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor and Director of the Built Environment which informed Members on the City of London Corporation's activities at the MIPIM property exhibition in March 2018. In addition, the report also sought approval for City of London Corporation attendance at MIPIM 2019. Members agreed that with the effects of Brexit the City Corporation representation at the conference next year would be important.

**Resolved:** -That-

- I. the additional cost of attending MIPIM 2018 be noted; and
- II. That the Committee approved that the City of London Corporation should attend MIPIM 2019 with a total budget of £94,000.

**16. REVENUE OUTTURN 2017/18**

The Committee received a report of the: Chamberlain, Director of the Built Environment, Director of Open Spaces and the City Surveyor on the revenue outturn for the services in 2017/18 with the final budget for the year.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

**17. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which advised on the actions taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee. The Committee noted the decision taken relating to additional planning conditions to the application at the Former Richard Cloutesley School Site; a Member requested the background papers to the matter, which would be circulated by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

**18. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Committee were invited to consider the outstanding references report of the Town Clerk.

A Member raised concerns over safety measures at Ludgate Circus. Officers informed Members that a meeting was due to take place with TfL advisors. The outcome of the meeting would be circulated to Members, and Officers agreed to submit a report to the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee regarding the current situation at the junction following the meeting with TfL colleagues.

In response to a query regarding Dockless Bikes, Members noted that London councils' proposals to license dockless bicycles were currently being deliberated. A report would be submitted for the Committee to consider at the September Planning and Transportation Committee meeting.

Members noted that the Officers had reached an agreement with colleagues at TfL who had agreed to replace the tiles in the Blackfriars Bridge underpass and review the lighting there. Officers would undertake a deep cleanse of the underpass and then invite local ward Members and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to see the underpass. Members could then consider whether a programme for routine deep cleansing of the underpass would be feasible going forward.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be received.

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

There were three questions raised by Members.

**Foul Air on City Pavements**

A Member raised concerns over the foul smells expelled on to City pavements by some kitchens in the City whose ventilation equipment faced the pavement. Members stated that the location of this equipment should be included in the

planning conditions of buildings going forward and Officers agreed to review the current situation and submit a report to the Committee in due course.

### **Air Quality in the City**

A Member requested a report to be submitted to a future Planning and Transportation Committee meeting regarding the possibility of the City Corporation taking the lead in encouraging the use of electric vehicles. Officers noted the need to reduce congestion from all types of vehicle and agreed to submit this report in due course.

### **Lifebelts along the Riverside**

In response to a query regarding the number of lifebelts along the riverside, Members were informed that Officers had been working closely with RNLI to combat suicides in the City. Since then the number of lifebelts located along the riverside had been doubled.

### **Sunlight considerations in Planning Applications**

A Member requested training for Committee Members in relation to the consideration of daylight and sunlight impacts of development when assessing planning applications. Officers agreed to arrange this training session for Members interested.

## **20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chairman informed Members that Mr Steve Presland was due to retire in October 2018 and following a round of recruitment an external candidate had been offered the position of Transportation and Public Realm Director. Further information regarding the appointee would be circulated to the Committee once the appointment was confirmed.

## **21. 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.

| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>Exempt Paragraph(s)</b> |
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| 22, 34, 24, 25  | 3                          |

## **22. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** - That the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 be agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

## **23. DRAFT NON PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** - That the draft non-public minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee meeting held on 3 July 2018 be received.

## **24. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2018**

**RESOLVED:** - That the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 29 May 2018 be agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

**25. DEBT ARREARS - BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Committee considered and received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of the Built Environment informing Members of the arrears of invoiced income.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no urgent business.

**The meeting closed at 12:10pm**

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Chairman

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