

## PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

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

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Rehana Ameer	Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen
Randall Anderson	Andrew Mayer
Peter Bennett	Deputy Brian Mooney
Mark Bostock	Deputy Alastair Moss
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Sylvia Moys
Henry Colthurst	Barbara Newman
Karina Dostalova	Graham Packham
Alderman Emma Edhem	Susan Pearson
Marianne Fredericks	Judith Pleasance
Alderman Prem Goyal OBE JP	Deputy Henry Pollard
Christopher Hayward	James de Sausmarez
Christopher Hill	Oliver Sells QC
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark	William Upton QC
Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Shravan Joshi	

#### **Officers:**

Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Jennifer Ogunleye	- Town Clerk's Department
Dipti Patel	- Chamberlain's Department
Deborah Cluett	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Alison Bunn	- City Surveyor's Department
Annie Hampson	- Chief Planning Officer and Development Director
Carolyn Dwyer	- Director of Built Environment
Zahur Khan	- Department of the Built Environment
David Horkan	- Department of the Built Environment
Bruce McVean	- Department of the Built Environment
Paul Monaghan	- Department of the Built Environment
Elisabeth Hannah	- Department of the Built Environment
Gordon Roy	- Department of the Built Environment
Rachel Pye	- Department of Markets and Consumer Protection
Kate Alexander-Newton	- Department of Markets and Consumer Protection

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Munsur Ali, Sophie Fernandes, Graeme Harrower and Oliver Lodge.

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

Alderman Prem Goyal declared a personal interest in agenda items 9 and 14 by virtue of holding a tenancy in the Ward of Farringdon Within.

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

The Committee received the Order of the Court of Common Council of 25 April 2019 (separately circulated and tabled at the meeting) appointing the Committee and setting its terms of reference for the ensuing year.

**RECEIVED.**

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

A list of Members eligible to stand was read and Deputy Alastair Moss being the only Member expressing willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

Proposed by Barbara Newman;  
Seconded unanimously;

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

THAT, at the conclusion of his term of office as their Chairman, the Members of the Planning and Transportation Committee wish to extend to

**Christopher Michael Hayward**

their sincere thanks and appreciation for the extremely able and competent manner in which he has presided over their deliberations and the detailed interest and commitment he has shown in all aspects of the work of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

CHRIS HAYWARD upheld the key role occupied by the Committee in ensuring that the Corporation's statutory role as a Planning Authority was efficiently and effectively carried out and, applied himself with equal vigour to the diverse transportation issues which have an impact on the world class commercial centre which comprises the Square Mile.

HE presided over meetings in a courteous manner, with leadership and vision, and demonstrated a ready grasp of planning issues. His experience and understanding of planning and transportation matters have been a driving force behind a number of major schemes which have been implemented and others in the pipeline. The Bloomberg European Headquarters was awarded the prestigious RIBA Stirling Prize for the UK's best new building during his chairmanship.

THE Chairman has had the courage of his convictions in presiding over often controversial and radical decisions such as the 'Bank On Safety' scheme, launched in May 2017 to improve the safety record at this dangerous junction. The scheme has been an overwhelming success with the Court of Common Council voting to make the changes made here permanent in September 2018. More recently he spoke in favour of the approved 'Tulip' application.

HIS guidance and expertise has been instrumental in championing the enhancement of the City's public realm. He has given focus to the critical issues affecting our streets and public spaces in the decades to come. This is evidenced by his support for and assistance in shaping both the Local Plan and the City's first ever Transportation Strategy both of which seek to co-ordinate efforts to further improve the Square Mile over the next 25 years, ensuring that it remains a competitive, safe and attractive place to live, work, learn and visit.

IN taking leave of Christopher Hayward as their Chairman, Members of this Committee wish to thank him for his service and excellent leadership in bringing the Committee's demanding agendas to decision. We wish him every possible success in the future.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Town Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the resolution to be presented in a manner agreeable to the past Chairman.

Mr Hayward responded to the Vote of Thanks by stating that it had been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Committee for the past three years, through a very interesting and challenging time for the City. He thanked both Members and Officers for the 'team effort' in approving and delivering some momentous decisions during his term of office and concluded by stating that he was now looking forward to working closely with the new Chairman in his capacity as Deputy Chairman over the next year.

## 5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. (3) (a), the immediate past Chairman had chosen to exercise his right to serve as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

Christopher Hayward was therefore duly appointed as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman took the opportunity to give thanks to those Members who had now left the Committee – Alderman Nicholas Lyons, Alderman Gregory Jones, Graeme Smith and Stuart Fraser. He went on to welcome those Members who were newly appointed to the Committee – Alderman Emma Edhem, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney, Sophie Fernandes (returning after a year's absence), and Karina Dostlova.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to thank Members for electing him to the position which he referred to as an honour and a privilege. He added that he was looking forward to working with stakeholders in the property and transport industries, and colleagues across London to ensure the City remains a vibrant destination to live, work and visit. The Chairman also invited all Members of the

Planning and Transportation Committee to meet with him individually to share their views in the coming weeks to help ensure that the Committee continued to reach the right decisions and a sensible consensus.

## 6. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relative to the appointment of its Sub Committees and Working Party, their constitution and terms of reference.

The Chairman asked that Members note that, whilst he would be appointed to the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee, it was not his intention to Chair the Sub Committee. The election of a Chairman and Deputy Chairman for this body would be decided at its first meeting on 28 May 2019.

### **Streets and Walkways Sub Committee**

The Town Clerk announced that, with ten Members expressing an interest in standing for the seven available spaces from the Planning and Transportation Committee, a ballot was required.

Following a ballot the Town Clerk announced that the following Members would be appointed to the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee:

- Randall Anderson
- Deputy Keith Bottomley
- Oliver Sells, QC
- Shravan Joshi
- Peter Bennett

The Town Clerk announced that three Members – Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, Marianne Fredericks and William Upton, QC) had received a tied vote and that a second ballot to return two of these three Members would therefore be required.

Following discussion, the Committee resolved that the membership of the Sub Committee should be expanded to incorporate eight as opposed to seven Members from the Planning and Transportation Committee for the ensuing year only.

### **Local Plans Sub Committee**

The Town Clerk announced that, with eight Members expressing an interest in standing for the five available spaces from the Planning and Transportation Committee, a ballot was required.

Following a ballot the Town Clerk announced that the following Members would be appointed to the Local Plans Sub Committee:

- Randall Anderson
- Deputy Keith Bottomley
- Graham Packham
- Shravan Joshi
- William Upton, QC

**RESOLVED - That the appointment, composition and terms of reference of the sub-committees and working parties for the ensuing year are approved as follows:-**

a) **Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee**

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee along with eight (for the ensuing year only) other Members as follows: (***\*please see note below***)
  - Randall Anderson
  - Deputy Keith Bottomley
  - Oliver Sells, QC
  - Shravan Joshi
  - Peter Bennett
  - Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
  - Marianne Fredericks
  - William Upton, QC
  
- Together with four *ex-officio* Members representing the Finance, Police and Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park and Port Health and Environmental Services Committees.

**Terms of Reference**

The Sub Committee is responsible for:-

- (a) traffic engineering and management, maintenance of the City's streets, and the agreement of schemes affecting the City's Highways and Walkways (such as street scene enhancement, traffic schemes, pedestrian facilities, special events on the public highway and authorising Traffic Orders) in accordance with the policies and strategies of the Grand Committee;
- (b) all general matters relating to road safety;
- (c) the provision, maintenance and repair of bridges, subways and footbridges, other than the five City river bridges;
- (d) public lighting, including street lighting;
- (e) day-to-day administration of the Grand Committee's car parks
- (f) all matters relating to the Riverside Walkway, except for adjacent open spaces; and
- (g) to be responsible for advising the Grand Committee on:-
  - (i) progress in implementing the Grand Committee's plans, policies and strategies relating to the City's Highways and Walkways; and
  - (ii) the design of and strategy for providing signposts in the City
- (h) Those matters of significance will be referred to the Grand Committee to seek concurrence.

b) **Local Plans Sub-Committee**

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee along with five other Members as follows:
  - Randall Anderson
  - Deputy Keith Bottomley
  - Graham Packham
  - Shravan Joshi
  - William Upton, QC
  
- Together with one *ex-officio* Member representing the Policy and Resources Committee.

**Terms of Reference**

The Committee first appointed a Sub Committee in October 2004 with the specific task of considering the Local Development Framework (LDF), which replaced the Unitary Development Plan as the spatial planning strategy for the City. It was later agreed that this Sub Committee would also be suitable for considering details of the traffic-related Local Implementation Plan (LIP) as well. Its Terms of Reference are simply to consider those types of documents in detail and make recommendations to the Grand Committee.

***\*Subsequent to the meeting, the Town Clerk contacted Members of the Committee to report that there had been an error in the reporting of the ballot results in relation to the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee. There were, in fact, six Members successfully appointed to the Sub Committee as follows:***

- ***Randall Anderson***
- ***Deputy Keith Bottomley***
- ***Graham Packham***
- ***Oliver Sells, QC***
- ***Shravan Joshi***
- ***Peter Bennett***

***The Committee's resolution that the membership of the Sub-Committee be expanded to incorporate eight Members from the grand Committee would therefore no longer allow those three Members on tied votes (Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, Marianne Fredericks and William Upton, QC) to join the Sub-Committee. After seeking the views of the Comptroller and City Solicitor, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee, it was proposed that that it be recommended by the Town Clerk that the resolution to expand the Sub Committee to eight be rescinded and the number revert to seven, and that a re-ballot for the remaining place(s) on the Sub-Committee take place at the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on 24 May 2019, ahead of the first meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee on 28 May 2019. (The re-ballot would be for one remaining place if it was resolved to rescind the resolution to increase membership and revert to seven members, and for two places if it was not agreed to rescind, and the number of members was to remain at eight).***

7. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered and approved the public minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2019 as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Land Adjacent to 20 Bury Street London EC3A 5AX** (page 11) – In response to a question, the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director reported that the Mayor of London had requested further details regarding the Section 106 agreement which had been collated and were to be sent imminently. The receipt of this information would then trigger the fourteen day period in which the Mayor had to act. She added that it was unlikely that the Secretary of State would make any decision on the matter until the Mayor had reached a decision.

8. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing outstanding actions from their last meeting.

Updates were provided as follows:

Ludgate Circus

The Transportation and Public Realm Director reported that Officers had continued to work alongside TfL to find solutions to this dangerous junction. He reminded the Committee that TfL were intending to attend the next meeting of this Committee on 24 May to present their outcomes.

The Chairman thanked Officers for the amount of time and persistence that had gone in to this large and extremely important piece of work.

Daylight/Sunlight Training

The Chief Planning Officer and Development Director reported that she would be meeting with the trainer in early May and would therefore propose that training be offered to Members in June 2019 on a date to be confirmed.

Daylight/Sunlight – Alternative Guidelines

The Chief Planning Officer and Development Director reported that this would be the subject of a report to this Committee at its June 2019 meeting.

Illegal Street Traders on the City's Bridges

The Assistant Director Public Protection was pleased to report that the Section 101 agreement with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) had been signed and received on 3 April 2019. A joint operation was therefore able to commence immediately and resulted in the seizure of four peanut receptacles. It was expected that prosecutions would follow. The Easter Weekend had also led to further action around Tower Hill.

Members were informed that three days of further joint enforcement work was scheduled to take place this week. A report providing Members with a full update on work so far with both LBTH and Southwark would be presented to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Chairman stated that he was pleased to hear that joint enforcement action had now begun and thanked Officers for their efforts.

In response to a question, the Assistant Director Public Protection clarified that there was a 24/7 telephone line that both Members and the public could contact should they wish to report any illegal street traders on the bridges.

#### Millennium Inclinor

Members were informed that a report on this would be put to the next meeting of this Committee on 24 May.

#### Bartholomew Lane

The Transportation and Public Realm Director reported that he had met with the Member who had originally raised concerns and had agreed a solution which would involve widening the footway at the junction with Threadneedle Street and raising the carriageway.

#### Air Quality

The Chairman recognised that Air Quality pervaded the City Corporation's work. He went on to question, however, whether, procedurally, the matter should be retained on this Committee's list of Outstanding Actions.

A Member questioned whether it might be possible for this Committee to refer the matter to the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee given that a representative from the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee (the Committee responsible for Air Quality under their terms of reference) sat on this body. In response to this suggestion, the Comptroller and City Solicitor highlighted that this was not a specific function of the Planning and Transportation Committee to delegate. It was suggested that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman discuss how best to proceed on this matter with their counterparts on the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee and report back.

Whilst the Committee were happy with this suggestion, Members requested that the matter continue to feature on their list of Outstanding Actions given the issue's cross cutting nature and high profile, with Officers to report back to a future meeting, setting out how much it might be appropriate for this Committee to do around this going forward.

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

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

The Chairman reported that he had requested that applicant details also be added to list of applications going forward.

**RECEIVED.**

10. **VALID PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

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

The Chairman reported that he had requested that the names of applicants as well as their agents be added to future reports.

**RECEIVED.**

11. **PUBLIC LIFT REPORTS**

The Committee received two separate reports of the City Surveyor containing details of the five public escalators/lifts that were in service for less than 95% of the time (report created on 25 March 2019) and of the three public escalators/lifts that were in service for less than 95% of the time (report created on 11 April 2019).

The City Surveyor reported that all of the public escalators/lifts had now been returned to service with the exception of Speed House. She added that the Millennium Inclinator was now being inspected on a daily basis with Officers considering alternative means of repair which would be detailed in a report to the next meeting of this Committee.

A Member commented that the Millennium Inclinator had recently experienced a record 26 days outage. He stated that this was unacceptable in terms of those needing to use the inclinator to get around the City and that a lasting, long-term solution to this matter was needed as soon as possible.

The Chairman reported that he had personally proposed one idea around a solution to Officers informally and stated that he would be happy to meet with the Member to discuss this and other potential ways forward in more detail.

Another Member went on to question if the City Corporation had adequate personal liability insurance to cover eventualities such as members of the public struggling and falling/harming themselves due to the Inclinator being out of service. The City Surveyor stated that she would need to look in to this matter and report back to the Member.

A Member questioned whether there were cameras monitoring the operation of the Millennium Inclinator to save the need for daily inspections. The City Surveyor confirmed that each lift was fitted with electronic monitoring devices but that daily visual checks were also being carried out on the Inclinator at the moment to provide further assurances.

A Member questioned the delay to the repair of the Pilgrim Street lift which had been caused by the presence of a rough sleeper in the motor room doorway. He stated that he felt that this was an unacceptable reason for delay and that engineers should be advised to contact the relevant authorities to assist with such matters in the future. The City Surveyor reported that engineers had been instructed

to liaise with the City Corporation's rough sleepers team when faced with such situations in future.

The City Surveyor concluded by stating that Officers had identified a similar inclinor in operation at Greenford Station and had recently visited the site which had proved to be a useful learning experience.

**RECEIVED.**

**12. UPDATE TO SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment providing Members with an updated Scheme of Delegations to reflect new legislation and responsibilities.

The Business Performance Manager reported that this document was ordinarily submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee approximately every 18 months. There were now proposals for the Department of the Built Environment (DBE) scheme document to form part of an overall Corporate scheme of delegations but, in the meantime, it was proposed that this document should continue to be reviewed at Committee level.

A Member questioned how many applications fell into the category detailed at paragraph 103 where permission/consent was granted on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 for development which has not already begun. The Business Performance Manager undertook to look in to this matter and report back to the Member.

A Member suggested that paragraph 133 should be amended to reflect the fact that it was the Chamberlain who made any payments of Crossrail contributions. The Business Performance Manager agreed with this point and undertook to amend the wording accordingly.

**RESOLVED** – That the Committee agrees to the additional terms and amendments to the Scheme of Delegations to allow the DBE to continue its work whilst the full and final Town Clerks overall Scheme of Delegations document is collated.

**13. SOUTHWARK BRIDGE SOUTH VIADUCT WATERPROOFING**

The Committee considered a Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding Southwark Bridge South Viaduct Waterproofing.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- 1) Approval be given to include waterproofing works to the north approach viaduct within the scope of works and to change the project name accordingly to "Southwark Bridge *Approach Viaducts* Waterproofing".
- 2) Authority be given to progress the design to Gateway 5 and invite tenders for the work.
- 3) Approval be given for £134,000 funding (from identified sums within the Bridge House Estates BHE 50-year Repair & Maintenance Fund) to proceed to Gateway 5.

- 4) Approval be given for the project budget of £1,725,000 including the Costed Risk Provision of £200,000, on the basis of recommended option 2.
- 5) Authority be given for delegated authority to be given to Chief Officer at Gateway 5 to appoint the successful tenderer and to instruct the Comptroller and City Solicitor to enter into contract, should tenders be returned within budget.
- 6) Authority be given for delegated authority to be given to Chief Officer following Gateway 5 to expend identified sums from the project risk register against specified risks.

#### 14. **CITY OF LONDON TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval of the City of London Transport Strategy for onward submission to the Court of Common Council.

The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, reminded the Committee that they had approved the draft strategy for consultation in October 2018. The consultation ran from November 2018 to January 2019 and attracted over 3,000 responses and 7,000 comments – the vast majority of which were supportive of the strategy and, as such, only minor amendments (which were tracked in the document before Members for ease of reference) had been made as a result.

The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, went on to state that proposals around the delivery of the strategy were clear and that the intention had been to publish a three year delivery plan (to be updated on an annual) basis alongside the document however, this would now need to await the Corporation-wide fundamental review. Nevertheless, it was anticipated that a number of projects outlined within the strategy could commence in the near future.

He concluded by emphasising that this was not intended to be a static document with the proposal being to update the Strategy every 5 years and bring regular update reports to the Planning and Transportation Committee to map progress against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the like.

The Chairman highlighted that there had been much opportunity for Members to discuss the contents of the Strategy in advance of this meeting with various Briefings offered. He added that the Local Plans Sub-Committee had also debated the document at length.

A Member commented that it was difficult to overstate the significance of this document to the City as a whole. He went on to state that, whilst, he felt that this was a very good starting point, much work would be needed to deliver on the Strategy over the next few years. He also expressed concern at the impact on projects such as this from the large Capital projects currently being pursued across the City Corporation and encouraged all Members to emphasise the importance of this work to the future of the City.

The Member added that it was important to underline that this was a living document that must change and evolve as progress was made. He expressed the

view that a 5 yearly review was too infrequent and questioned whether it would be possible to provide Members with a rolling programme instead.

Another Member stated that a summary of key projects would be useful and suggested that it would be helpful for the Committee to view such a document quarterly in order to maintain momentum.

The Deputy Chairman agreed that this was one of the most important documents that this Committee would have to consider. He commented that, to date, the City Corporation had adopted a piecemeal approach to transportation and the challenges faced here and this now, helpfully, brought things together. He also emphasised the need to drive this Strategy forward and thanked Officers for the production of an excellent document which had been extremely well received by TfL and other London Boroughs to date.

A Member stated that, whilst he was supportive of the Strategy, he was concerned to see a lack of detail in terms of financial implications.

A Member questioned the need to await the outcome of the corporate, fundamental review before giving Members sight of the delivery plan that sits alongside the strategy. He suggested that this Committee be provided with a draft of the delivery plan so that a view could be taken in terms of priorities going forward. The Committee agreed with this point and suggested that Members should look to have proposals around the delivery of the strategy ready to put forward once the wider review had concluded.

A Member referred to recent news around Crossrail delays and highlighted that whatever the City Corporation decided would have limited impact until this was delivered. The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, clarified that discussions around understanding the true impact of delays to Crossrail were continuing.

A Member expressed support for the document but made the point that the Strategy would also need to take into account those developments recently approved but not yet constructed as well as technology and how this might be used to help achieve the proposals within the strategy. The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, confirmed that a lot of work had been undertaken in terms of engaging with technical providers and that an advisory board had also been established.

A Member made the point that there were some elements that could be delivered immediately without enormous costs such as proposals around 15mph speed limits and allowing people more time to cross at pedestrian crossing which had attracted supportive comments from respondents to the consultation as well as TfL. The Member commented that it was important to move forward and capitalise on this support.

A Member made specific reference to Proposal 17: Keep pavements free of obstructions. She commented that there was a duty under public realm here and requested that the wording therefore be amended to read:

- “We will ensure that pavements are free of obstructions by:
- Not permitting a-boards *on the public highway*”

This would reflect what had been agreed by the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee. The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, recognised that a wider review was underway regarding A-boards and undertook to amend Proposal 17 in the manner proposed.

The Member went on to congratulate Officers on the huge amount of work that had gone in to producing the Strategy. She also thanked those who had responded to and engaged with the consultation around the document.

Another Member agreed with the point made previously around a lack of financial implications within the report. He suggested that this point may be questioned by the Court of Common Council and questioned the timing of submitting the Strategy to the Court on this basis.

Other Members were satisfied that the strategy described what it was hoped would be achieved and that detailed costs would be difficult to provide at this stage. They disagreed with this being an obstacle to submitting the Strategy to the Court for approval.

In response to the questions and comments put by Members, the Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, highlighted that KPIs and targets were set out within the document and that these would be brought back to this Committee on a regular basis. He clarified that much work had already been undertaken on a three year delivery plan to sit alongside the Strategy and was happy to share a draft of this with the Committee in the future, as opposed to awaiting the outcome of the fundamental review.

In terms of indicative costs, the Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, clarified that these would be largely funded through development contributions, as is tradition. Funding would also be drawn from off-street parking reserves, TfL funding and other ring-fenced funding.

The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, reported that he was content to provide quarterly updates to the Committee with a fuller update provided on an annual basis. He went on to assure Members that this would be treated as a live document with timelines and projects adjusted as necessary.

The Chairman emphasised the need to keep up momentum on the Strategy corporately. He underlined that the document contained a number of aspirations and felt that, as such, it was correct that not all of these were costed at this stage. He went on to underline the need for immediacy and, in some cases, urgency on a number of 'quick wins' outlined within the document. For these reasons, he outlined the need to submit the final strategy to the Court of Common Council in May and underlined that both he and the Chairman would be pushing the matter forward as much as possible. He did not envisage great resistance from amongst the Court on this matter but urged Members of this Committee to actively support the adoption of this ground-breaking piece of work. He added that, in fact, a number of respondents to the consultation had voiced the opinion that the Strategy was perhaps not radical enough. It was felt that where the City Corporation led on this matter and pushed boundaries, others would follow.

Members proposed that the Strategy be reviewed in its entirety every 3 years as opposed to every 5. The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, indicated that he was content with this proposal, at least in the first instance. He clarified that any such review would be based on internal monitoring as well as some public engagement and discussion with City businesses.

**RESOLVED** – That the Transport Strategy be approved for onward submission to the Court of Common Council and that the document, if formally approved, be reported on quarterly to the Planning and Transportation Committee with a full, formal review of the document to take place every three years.

15. **LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP) DELIVERY PLAN 2019/20 TO 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment covering the provision of Transport for London (TfL) funding to the City of London Corporation and seeking approval for the formal adoption of the City Corporation's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Delivery Plan for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, clarified that the City Corporation were obliged to submit this document to the Mayor of London via TfL. He added that this and the Transport Strategy formed the City Corporation's third LIP and provided Members with more detail as to how funds would be spent.

A Member commented that this illustrated the point that small, local projects could have significant impact and could be delivered in stages. He encouraged Officers to continue to proceed on this basis.

A Member suggested that it would be useful for the Committee to be provided with baseline information against targets in terms of monitoring the delivery of the outcomes of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

In response to a question, the Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, confirmed that there was an aspiration to reduce the volume of traffic in the City of London by 50% over the lifetime of the Transport Strategy,

**RESOLVED** – That, Members approve the LIP Delivery Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22.

16. **CITY CLUSTER VISION - A FRAMEWORK FOR ENABLING GROWTH**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment recommending the adoption of the City Cluster Vision, which is a framework for the transformation of the streets and spaces over the next ten years, in order to successfully manage the projected growth within the Cluster.

Officers reported that this was intended as a companion document to the Transport Strategy. Members were informed that the public consultation had attracted a good response rate and that the £3,25 million grant secured from TfL demonstrated the level of confidence placed in the City.

A Member suggested that the Cluster might be an appropriate area in which to trial no moving vehicles with a view to closing Leadenhall Street to vehicles by 2024. He

referred to the scheme at Lime Street which had given priority to pedestrian users and had proved to be an overwhelming success.

A Member stated that the timing of the developments that this Committee had already approved to date would be key in terms of implementing the Vision and suggested that the two should therefore be clearly linked. He went on to state that whilst specific railway stations were referred to within the document, it was important not to lose sight of others such as London Bridge which had a dangerous junction situated nearby.

The Deputy Chairman referred to recent consultation and discussion with the City Property Association (CPA) and highlighted that questions around the future identity of the area had been raised. He questioned whether the Committee had any strong views on this beyond referring to the area as the City/Eastern Cluster. Officers reported that they had invited views on this as part of the consultation but that no great consensus was reached.

A Member stated that he had concerns regarding utility works and stressed that it would be important to co-ordinate with relevant providers in the delivery of this Vision and feed into their works where possible. Officers agreed that this was an important point to bear in mind in taking the Vision forward.

The Chairman added that there should also be ongoing dialogue with developers regarding likely occupation of buildings and plans around streetscaping to ensure that interests were aligned in terms of success, comfort levels and the like.

In response to a question regarding the security and safety of the wider City and how this might be incorporated in to the Vision, Officers reported that Road Safety was dealt with in some detail within the Transport Strategy and that operational security was something that Officers were keen to look at in more detail. Members were also informed that developers provided a sum of money to fund area wide security.

**RESOLVED – That Members:**

- Note the responses to the public consultation exercise and the related changes to the document;
- Adopt the City Cluster Vision as a framework for the transformation of the streets and public realm in the area over the next 10 years;
- Agree that the underspend of £89,896 from S106 monies be considered as part of a forthcoming report for the allocation of remaining S106 funds.

**17. UPDATE ON VENTILATION & EXTRACTION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTAURANTS/CAFES**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director updating Members on ventilation and extraction requirements for restaurants/cafes and on any ongoing enforcement investigations in respect of unauthorised or problematic installations.

A Member highlighted that the odour emitted from some of the ventilation and extraction equipment represented a build up of cooking fat which was a main cause of fire in such premises. She went on to point out that flues often ran the length of buildings and suggested that Environmental Health should therefore ensure that they liaise with the Fire Brigade on any visits to premises where this matter was of concern.

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the fact that the condition was around both maintaining such equipment and providing evidence of this with the emphasis being on responsible developers and occupiers.

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

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

Extension to the DLR

A Member referred to recent news in the press regarding proposals to extend the DLR from Thames Gateway to Euston and the City Corporation's support for this. She stated that, if these works were to progress, it would hopefully also allow for the extension of Tower Hill Station. She recognised that, whilst this was out of the City's jurisdiction, it was a station frequented by a large number of City workers. She questioned whether further details on the proposals would be brought to the Planning and Transportation Committee in due course.

Officers reported that the City Corporation had discussed proposals around an extension to the DLR on a confidential basis at this stage and had taken no formal view on the matter. Members were assured that a report on the matter would be brought to the Planning and Transportation Committee in due course if appropriate.

Cameras on the City Bridges

A Member questioned whether this Committee or the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee were responsible for the potential provision of cameras on the City Bridges – a matter which she had raised consistently in recent months. She went on to refer to the problem of suicide/attempted suicide on the bridges. She recognised that signs placed on the bridges directing people to where they might get help and work undertaken by the City's licensing team with premises on and around the bridges had gone some way to addressing the problem but stated that more needed to be done.

Officers undertook to report back to the Committee on this matter.

*At this point, the Chairman sought approval from the Committee to continue the meeting beyond two hours from the appointed time for the start of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 40, and this was agreed.*

Electric Vehicle Charging

A Member questioned whether there were any specific plans for electric vehicle charging points in the Wards of Aldgate, Portsoken and Tower.

The Group Manager, Strategic Transportation, reported that it was intended that an Electric Vehicle Charging Action Plan would be in place by the end of 2019 to sit

within the wider Transport Strategy. This would be the subject of a future report to this Committee.

#### Planning Policy

A Member reported that he had received correspondence from his constituents expressing concern at the application of planning policy and how this appeared to be applied inconsistently. He referred to the fact that the Barbican had been informed that they would require planning permission for storage for residents' packages whilst the nearby City of London School for Girls had rented their sports facilities externally without requiring such permission.

The Chief Planning Officer and Development Director undertook to report back to the Member on this matter but stated that she believed that this related to a condition originally attached to the Barbican. She took on board the wider point made around confusion about planning policy terms.

#### Brexit Updates

The Chairman questioned why a Brexit Update report had not featured on today's agenda given that there had been a corporate decision to include such reports at every meeting of all grand Committees.

The Director of the Built Environment reported that the position for her Department had not changed since the last report to this Committee regarding Brexit. A report would be submitted to the next meeting of Planning and Transportation Committee.

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

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

20. **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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

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

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration in the non-public session.

**The meeting closed at 12.08 pm**

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Chairman

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