

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

**Tuesday, 4 September 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am**

**Present**

**Members:**

Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Alderman Gregory Jones QC
Oliver Sells QC (Deputy Chairman)	Paul Martinelli (Ex-Officio Member)
Randall Anderson	Deputy Alastair Moss
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Barbara Newman
Marianne Fredericks	Graham Packham
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)	

**Officers:**

Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Olumayowa Obisesan	- Chamberlain's Department
Karen McHugh	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Alan Rickwood	- City of London Police
Simon Glynn	- Department of the Built Environment
Sam Lee	- Department of the Built Environment
Mark Lowman	- City Surveyor's Department
Leah Coburn	- Department of the Built Environment

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark.

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

Alderman Alison Gowman declared an interest in Item 5 by virtue of living in the vicinity of Beech Street.

Graham Packham declared an interest in Item 6 by virtue of living in the vicinity of Tudor Street.

**3. MINUTES**

The Committee noted that Alderman Alison Gowman had given her apologies for the previous meeting and this was not recorded in the minutes.

**RESOLVED** – That, pending the above correction, the minutes of the meeting held n 3 July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Committee received a list of outstanding references.

Swan Pier

The City Surveyor advised the Committee that work was on target for completion in February 2019.

Members queried whether the works related to the pier itself or the flood defence wall, and whether there would be any legal ramifications if the pier was taken out, even temporarily. The Chairman asked for officers to prepare a response to all Members of the sub-Committee as there was some confusion around the project.

22 Bishopsgate

The Director of the Built Environment advised the Committee that the negotiations over public realm improvements had been successful. It was hoped that a legal agreement with the developer would be in place by October 2018 and that work could start in late October or early November 2018.

The Sub-Committee noted that Dockless Bikes was on the agenda for the meeting, and that a report on ATTRO had been received by the Planning & Transportation Committee on 26 July 2018. Members asked that an annual report on ATTRO be submitted

Members asked that two items be added to the list of Outstanding References:

Committee Structure

Members had previously discussed asking the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to nominate a Member to the Sub-Committee, to ensure pollution issues were tied in with the Sub-Committee's discussions. Members agreed that the Planning & Transportation Committee should be asked to invite the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee to nominate one Member to the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee.

Fann Street

The Director of the Built Environment advised the Sub-Committee that further work had been done to improve the street for U-turning. An independent study had been undertaken which had resolved that it would not be unsafe to take away U-turns. Action would be taken in the next few weeks.

5. **BEECH STREET: TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Beech Street Transport and Public Realm Project.

The report had been resubmitted following its original submission in July, with increased scope for the project, an increased emphasis on air quality, and more consideration given to the possibility of a City-wide traffic model.

The Sub-Committee was advised that officers had met with Transport for London (TfL), who were developing a Central London-wide model which could be applied to the area, and Islington Council who were working on a project for the Clerkenwell Road area. Officers had also undertaken structural investigation work and ground radar surveys.

The Chairman noted that 2024 felt like a very long timescale, and that if there were options to bring this forward they should be explored, including high-level political intervention if necessary. A Member suggested that this could be an opportunity to work closely and cooperate with TfL as a way forward. The Director of the Built Environment advised that officers had been working with TfL and had offered the City as a pilot for their model.

Members discussed the timescales of the project, noting that whilst 2024 was an unattractive target, in light of the scale and significance of the project it might be necessary. It was important for the project to be done correctly and with minimal impact on neighbours. A Member suggested that it might be more efficient to simply ban polluting vehicles from the tunnel. Members asked about the timescales for the TfL model and detailed designs to be developed.

The Director of the Built Environment responded to questions from Members. The recommendations included a request to increase the scope of the project to explore the possibility of introducing Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle restrictions in Beech Street. Early indications were that it would take 12-18 months for the TfL model to be developed. The detailed design phase carried a timescale of 14 months as Beech Street was complicated structurally, and the project would need to tie in with other works. The timescales attached were a best guess and whilst there would be ways to speed things up such as overlapping works, these would often carry risks. Officers would work with Members to explore ways the project could be accelerated, and agreed to update officers on the project at each meeting.

A Member asked if the Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles restrictions could be implemented quickly. The Director of the Built Environment responded that officers would look at other Boroughs and report back.

**RESOLVED** – That the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee:

1. Note the vision for Beech Street as approved by the Policy and Resources Committee, which includes the reduction of traffic, improvements to the public realm, widening of footways and improvements in air quality;
2. Note the separation of the podium water-proofing, property redevelopment and transportation & public realm projects, to follow individual Gateway paths and reporting times;

3. Note the results of the traffic and public realm work done so far;
4. Note the key project risks, next steps & programme.
5. Approve further development of the feasibility of Option 1 (Beech Street closed to eastbound traffic) and Option 2 (Beech Street closed to westbound traffic);
6. Approve an increase in the scope of the project (requested by the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee) to investigate the feasibility of introducing Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle restrictions in Beech Street;
7. Approve the proposed procurement route for consultancy services utilising the City's Highways Term Contract;
8. Approve an increase in the estimated project budget of £1,526,435, to £1,745,362 to fund the project to Gateway 4, subject to the procurement of the relevant consultancy appointments;
9. Approve the allocation of Public Realm and Local Transport Improvement CIL funds to fund the development of the project to Gateway 4;
10. Delegate authority for any adjustments between elements of the budget to the Director of the Built Environment in conjunction with the Chamberlain's Head of Finance provided the total approved budget of £1,745,362 (subject to procurement) is not exceeded and the scope remains unchanged; and
11. Ask that officers explore ways to accelerate the project where appropriate, and that officers update Members on the project at each meeting of the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee.

6. **TUDOR STREET/NEW BRIDGE STREET - UPDATE REPORT**

The Chairman proposed that the item be withdrawn, as the other planned activities in the area meant that funding for the project in its present guise was unlikely to be agreed. The timing was not right and a number of issues needed to be settled before the project could proceed.

7. **BANK ON SAFETY: FURTHER DETAIL ON THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS SOUGHT**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment giving further detail on additional funds sought for the Bank on Safety scheme, subject to the outcome of the decisions of the Policy & Resources Committee and Court of Common Council on 6 September 2018 and 13 September 2018 respectively.

The Director of the Built Environment gave Members an overview of the small package of enhancement works planned in advance of the All Change at Bank project. Members noted the proposed timescale set out in the report, and that resources would be allocated to complete the works as quickly as possible.

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

8. **ADOPTION OF THE CITY LIGHTING STRATEGY**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning adoption of the City Lighting Strategy. The strategy would introduce significant changes including upgrades to LED lights. The public consultation on the strategy had been well-received. There would be an emphasis on linking the strategy with the planning process as this had been a consistent feature in consultation feedback, and officers were looking at producing a guidance note for developers to this end.

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9. **DOCKLESS CYCLE HIRE REVIEW**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the City of London Corporation's dockless cycle hire policy.

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

A Member asked

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

There was none.

12. **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 of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Exempt Paragraphs</b>
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13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

14. **BANK ON SAFETY UNATTENDED ENFORCEMENT CAMERA CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment.

15. **NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX - TUDOR STREET/NEW BRIDGE STREET**

The item was withdrawn.

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

There was a non-public question.

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

There was no other business.

**The meeting closed at 12.27 pm**

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Chairman

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