

PROJECTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Keith Bottomley (Chairman)	Randall Anderson (from Item 5)
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Christopher Hayward	James De Sausmarez
	Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Officers:

Peter Lisle	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects
Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department
Rohit Paul	- Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Baker	- Town Clerk's Department
Dianne Merrifield	- Chamberlain's Department
Chris Bell	- Chamberlain's Department - Procurement
Michael Harrington	- Chamberlain's Department – Procurement
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Simon Glynn	- Department of the Built Environment
Helen Kearney	- Department of the Built Environment
Martin Rodman	- Open Spaces Department
Pete O'Doherty	- City of London Police
David Drane	- City of London Police
Pauline Weaver	- City of London Police
Charles Griffiths	- City of London School

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Karina Dostalova and Ben Murphy.

The Chairman welcomed James De Sausmarez to his first meeting following his appointment to the Sub-Committee, and congratulated Ben Murphy on his appointment. The Chairman went on to thank those Members who had recently stepped down from the Sub-Committee - James Tumbridge, Anne Fairweather, Marianne Fredericks and Nick Bensted-Smith. The Chairman concluded by thanking Randall Anderson and Andrew McMurtrie for their service on the Sub-Committee, noting those Members had put themselves forward for co-option that day.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members considered the Sub-Committee's terms of reference, noting that some amendments to reflect the role of the Capital Buildings Committee, Corporate Asset Sub (Finance) Committee and Procurement Sub (Finance) Committee would be appropriate, alongside reference to Deputy Chair/Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, and requested that an amended terms of reference be put to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval accordingly **(29/2019/P)**.

RESOLVED, that the terms of reference be received, and an amended version be put to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval in light of comments made by Members.

4. **GATEWAY APPROVAL PROCESS**

RESOLVED, that the Gateway Approval Process be received.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Members considered the co-option of four Members of the Court of Common Council to the Sub-Committee. There being six candidates for four vacancies, a ballot was conducted with the following result:

Candidate	Votes
Rehana Ameer	6 – CO-OPTED
Randall Anderson	6 – CO-OPTED
John Chapman	0
Deputy Edward Lord	4 – CO-OPTED
Andrew McMurtrie	6 – CO-OPTED
Susan Pearson	2

The Town Clerk agreed to circulate the result of the ballot to the Sub-Committee and the six candidates outside of the meeting **(30/2019/P)**. Randall Anderson, who had been observing the meeting, took his place as Co-Opted Member.

RESOLVED, that Rehana Ameer, Randall Anderson, Deputy Edward Lord and Andrew McMurtrie be co-opted on to the Projects Sub-Committee for 2019/20.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 24 April 2019 be approved as a correct record.

7. **ACTIONS**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding actions outstanding from previous meetings and the following points were made.

27/2019/P – Finsbury Circus Garden Reinstatement

- The Superintendent of Parks and Gardens was heard regarding the Finsbury Circus Garden Reinstatement, noting that a written update was available for circulation outside of the meeting. In short, the interim landscape was to be provided as Crossrail's cost. Should the City choose to design and install an interim scheme, the estimated cost would be £195,000 not including contingency. Assuming the project were allowed to progress immediately, the interim garden scheme would be in place for just over one year.

28/2019/P – Bank Junction Improvements Project Update

- A Member expressed his concern that the All Change at Bank project timeline had slipped by one month, risking the project not being completed in time for the opening date of TfL's Bank Junction upgrade. It was the Member's understanding that the City's project was currently being delayed by queries raised by the Chairman of Finance Committee, and the Chamberlain, over the use of s106 monies to finance the project rather than On-Street Parking Reserve. The Member queried whether it would be possible to resolve these queries through the usual channels of internal consultation rather than requiring a full, redrafted, report being brought back to Members.
- The Director of the Built Environment was heard, noting that the main implication of delay of All Change at Bank was that the public realm would not be complete in time for large numbers of visitors using Bank Junction.
- The Chairman noted that a further report on All Change at Bank should not be necessary provided that a note on financials and the project's critical path could be provided, with the Sub-Committee's endorsement of timely progression of the project, to the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of Finance Committee (**31/2019/P**).

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

8. GATEWAY 3/4 - SOUTHWARK BRIDGE SOUTH VIADUCT WATERPROOFING

The Town Clerk noted that this report had been withdrawn.

9. GATEWAY 3 - MUSEUM OF LONDON PUBLIC REALM PROJECT

Members considered a Gateway 1/2 Issue report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Museum of London Public Realm Project and the following points were made.

- The Director of the Built Environment noted that the project had synergies with associated projects in the area, specifically around the new Museum of London, and the Smithfield Market. The project was outside the scope of the City's Fundamental Review.

- The Chairman noted that the Sub-Committee's role was to scrutinise project risks and dependencies, and that the next project gateway report should consider these in greater detail and provide visuals/a graphic outlining both the public realm project milestones and also milestones of associated projects **(32/2019/P)**.
- A Member welcomed the holistic approach taken to the project but noted that, in his view, given that the report referenced the need for inbuilt flexibility in the design approach, that the report was perhaps premature.
- The Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects was heard, noting that the project had two main drivers. First, the future of the City's markets were subject to both public consultation and a Parliamentary Bill. The City's future plans for Smithfield would likely influence the passage of that Bill. Secondly, the Museum of London was aiming to secure planning permission for its new site by the end of 2019 and would welcome a clearer idea of the City's plans for the Smithfield site in support of that. The current project should be considered in the context of those two drivers.
- Members noted that, whilst the holistic approach was to be welcomed, officers should be mindful not to overcommit resources too early in the project and remove the ability to be more flexible in approach later on in the project process.
- A Member noted that generally a change in scope would not be supported by this committee but this case was the exception to prove the rule. It was also noted that there were effectively two outputs from the project.

RESOLVED, that Members,

- Approve the progression of the project as set out within the report, including the additional budget of £625,000 required to progress the project to the next Gateway; of which £80,000 can be met from existing provisions within the Markets Consolidation Budgets and the remaining £545,000 from the eligible sources for this project of CIL or OSPR.
- Note the Capital Funding Review process via Resource Allocation Sub Committee has approved central funding for the key project dependency elements of this project.
- Approve the increase in the scope of the project to reflect the proposals within the Transportation Strategy, the planned implementation of Culture Mile and the development of the Markets Consolidation Programme.
- Approve the change of the project name from Museum of London Public Realm to West Smithfield Area Public Realm and Transportation project.

- Note the revised project budget of £715,000; and note the total estimated project cost of £12m which is subject to the identification of funding.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

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 item(s) 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.

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2019 be approved as a correct record.

14. **NON-PUBLIC ACTIONS**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding non-public actions arising from previous meetings.

15. **PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding the Portfolio Overview.

16. **ACTION AND KNOW FRAUD CENTRE - PROGRAMME TEAM**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the Action and Know Fraud Centre – Programme Team.

17. **CITY FUND, CITY'S ESTATE AND BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES - SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS AND GATEWAYS**

Members considered a report of the City Surveyor regarding the City Fund, City's Estate and Bridge House Estates – Scheme of Delegations and Gateways.

18. **GATEWAY 4/5 - CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURTS FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

Members considered a Gateway 4/5 report of the City Surveyor regarding the Central Criminal Courts Fire Alarm Replacements and Associated Public Realm Address System.

19. **GATEWAY 3/4 - CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL MASTERPLAN PHASE 1**

Members considered a Gateway 3/4 report of the Head of the City of London School regarding the City of London School Masterplan Phase 1.

19.1 Draft Minute of the Board of Governors of the City of London School - 9 April 2019

RESOLVED, that the draft minute of the Board of Governors of the City of London School – 9 April 2019 be received.

20. GATEWAY 2 ISSUE - THE EMERGENCY SERVICES MOBILE COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME (ESMCP)

Members considered a Gateway 2 Issue report of the Commissioner of Police regarding the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (ESMCP).

21. MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS HOUSING FRAMEWORKS - STAGE 2 AWARD REPORT

Members considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and City Surveyor regarding Major Construction Works Housing Frameworks – Stage 2 Award.

22. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was one item of non-public other business.

The meeting closed at 12.27 pm

Chairman

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