

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE
Thursday, 15 October 2020**

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held on Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Oliver Sells QC (Chairman)
Graham Packham (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Peter Bennett
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Marianne Fredericks
Sheriff Christopher Hayward
Shravan Joshi
Deputy Alastair Moss
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Christopher Hill (Ex-Officio Member)
Paul Martinelli (Ex-Officio Member)
Barbara Newman (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Olumayowa Obisesan	-	
Gillian Howard	-	
Leah Coburn	-	
Kristian Turner	-	
Melanie Charalambous	-	
Clarisse Tavin	-	
Emmanuel Ojugo	-	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Sub Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29, and Oliver Sells, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Sub Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30, and Graham Packham, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 7 July 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

6. **BANK JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: ALL CHANGE AT BANK**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Bank Junction Improvements Project.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Agree that the project continues at the outlined pace to submit a Gateway 5 in September/October 2021 (see paragraph 5-6);
2. That Design Option 1 is taken forward to detailed design (the closure of Threadneedle Street and further restriction of Queen Victoria Street and Princes Street);
3. That further investigation into permitting general traffic on the 'open arms' during the current restricted hours is not carried forward for further investigation;
4. That a budget of £541,935 is agreed to reach the next Gateway, giving a cumulative budget of £1,923,410 after allowing for the underspend to date of £201,983;
5. That funding for this budget be partially met from unspent S106 deposits arising from the underspend to date, with the balance of £339,953 to be drawn down from the central funding agreed in principle via the 2020/21 annual capital bid process, subject to the approval of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee;
6. Note the total estimated cost of the project at £5-5.6 million (excluding risk);
7. That a Costed Risk Provision of £95,000 is approved (to be drawn down via delegation to Chief Officer) subject to the Resource Allocation Sub Committee approval to draw this down from the capital funds if necessary; and
8. That Gateway 4c Detailed Design is approved via Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub Committee.

7. **BEECH STREET TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC REALM PROJECT**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Beech Street Transportation and Public Realm Project. The report updated Members on the progress of the project, requested an increase in the project budget and sought Member decisions on amendments to the scheme.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Approve an increase in the project budget of £200,000 to cover:
 - the estimated additional staff costs (£160k);
 - the estimated additional fees (£40k)
2. Approve the purchase of a spare enforcement camera (from the existing budget);
3. Approve a revised Costed Risk Provision (CRP) up to a total of £260,000 (Appendix 2) to account for the currently identified risks;
4. Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain to:
 - draw down the costed risk provision if risks become issues
 - make any adjustments between elements of the approved budget, provided the total approved budget is not exceeded
5. Agree a decision, in principle [and subject to Recommendation 6], on whether to implement four modifications to the experimental scheme which have been requested by residents and the Barbican Association, these are:
 - a) Creating two gaps in the Beech Street central reservation to allow vehicles accessing Lauderdale Place forecourt and the Shakespeare House / Defoe House car park to travel eastbound and perform a right-hand turn (recommended) (£50k)
 - b) Note the request for residents who have car parking spaces around Beech Street to be exempted from the ETO so that they may drive through Beech Street in any vehicle, and instruct officers to undertake a feasibility study to explore the legal, statutory, operational framework and cost implications of such a permitting regime (recommended) (£20k)
 - c) Reopening the southern end of Golden Lane (in both directions) at the junction with Beech Street to zero emission vehicles (not recommended at this stage) (£35k)
 - d) Creating a gap in the central reservation on Aldersgate Street to allow vehicles accessing the Lauderdale Tower underground car park to travel northbound and perform a right-hand turn (not recommended at this stage) (£75k)

6. Note that any decision to make the proposed modification/s is subject to a road safety audit, consultation with the Chief Officer of City Police and the applicable statutory notice arrangements; and
7. Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment to consider the safety audit/s; response of the Police and responses to the publication of the proposals, and subject to such consideration, to make the modification/s if deemed appropriate.

8. **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning a project involves improvements to the public highway surrounding St Bartholomew's Hospital.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

- i) Agree authorisation to increase the current approved budget of £30,000 by £3,235 to complete the design evaluation and cover the overspend as per Appendix 3, Table 1;
- ii) Agree authorisation to initiate the delivery of public realm works in the area in 2 phases, funded through St Barts and the London NHS Trust 106 agreement at a total cost of £532,161 (inclusive of indexation and interest accrued); and
- iii) Approve the revised total project budget increase from £400K-£550K to £565,396 and updated budget as per Appendix 3, Table 2.

9. **CURSITOR STREET / BREAMS BUILDINGS PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the public realm improvement projects for Cursitor Street and the Breams Buildings.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Approve the proposed reconfiguration of current funding allocation for Cursitor Street (£240,934) and Breams Buildings (£239,832) a total of £480,766. (Section 106 agreements require that the interest be used for the same purpose as the principal sum);
2. Approve that the existing funding allocation for Cursitor Street and Breams Buildings be reconfigured as follows: Cursitor Street (£371,647) and Breams Buildings (£109,119), a total allocation of £480,766. (Section 106 agreements require that the interest be used for the same purpose as the principal sum);

3. Agree authorisation to increase the current approved budget of £10,000 for Cursitor Street by £6,048 to cover the overspend as per Appendix 4, Table 1;
4. Agree authorisation to adjust the current approved budget of £40,000 for Breams Buildings to reflect the spend as per Appendix 4, Table 2;
5. Approve authority to start work on Cursitor Street (Phase 1) at a total of £355,599, as detailed the funding strategy in Appendix 4; and
6. Approve authority to start work on Breams Buildings (Phase 2) at a total of £80,262, as detailed the funding strategy in Appendix 4.

10. **1-2 BROADGATE SECTION 278 HIGHWAY WORKS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of the 1-2 Broadgate Section 278 highway works.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. That a budget of £50,000 is approved for design and evaluation to reach the next Gateway; and
2. Note the total cost of the project is estimated to be between £750,000-£900,000 (excluding risk).

11. **WEST SMITHFIELD PEDESTRIAN ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the outcomes of a project introducing highway and pedestrian improvements at the West Smithfield Rotunda, Cloth Street and Cloth Fair.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

- a) Approve the content of this outcome report; and
- b) Agree that an unspent Section 106 funding is returned to be reallocated following usual processes.

12. **CREED COURT**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of a project to deliver public realm enhancements to the area surrounding the new development at Creed Court, to accommodate projected increase in pedestrian traffic and servicing needs of the hotel.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Authorise officers to utilise £100,000 invoiced to the developer to progress the project to Gateway 5 (see section 3 table 1 below), in

advance of the full S.278 payment. The amount will be deducted from the full S.278 payment;

2. Authorise officers, subject to receipt of the requested funds, to progress with detailed designs of the recommended option outlined below and fully funded by Section 278 agreement with the developer of Creed Court and undertake public consultation;
3. Note, that as per the Projects Procedure and subject to scope and costs remaining within the parameters agreed in this report, the approval of Gateway 5 report will be delegated to Chief Officer; and
4. Note the total estimated cost of the project at £667,546 - £800,000 (excluding risk).

13. GLOBE VIEW WALKWAY - OPENING UP AND ENHANCING THE RIVERSIDE WALK

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of the project of opening up and enhancement of the currently closed section of walkway at Globe View in order to complete the Riverside Walk, a long-standing policy objective of the City.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee approve Option One for the allocation of £94,000 funds from the Bath House S106 obligation (public transport improvements) to reach the next Gateway.

14. COVID-19 IMPACTS ON CITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment providing an update on the City Transportation projects that have been impacted by COVID-19.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

15. CROSSRAIL REINSTATEMENT PROJECTS - UPDATE REPORT

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the reinstatement of public highway areas around the City's three Crossrail stations.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16. PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY STREETS PROGRAMME

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment providing an update on the programme of works developed to bring forward pedestrian priority schemes since the development of the Transport Strategy.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

17. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

The Sub Committee received a list of outstanding references.

RESOLVED – That the outstanding references list be noted.

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

19. **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.

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Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A

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20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was other business.

The meeting ended at 12.38 pm

Chairman

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