

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Monday, 19 November 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 19 November 2012 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Jeremy Simons (Chairman)
Archie Galloway (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy John Barker
Martin Farr (Ex-Officio Member)
Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Robert Hall (Ex-Officio Member)
Sylvia Moys
Deputy John Owen-Ward
Deputy Michael Welbank (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Daniel Hooper	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Paddon	- Chamberlain's Department
Rob Oakley	- Department of the Built Environment
Steve Presland	- Department of the Built Environment
Victor Callister	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	- Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	- City Police
Norma Collicott	- City Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Gowman, Brian Harris and Michael Hudson.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2012, were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING –

Millennium Bridge approach – (Item 3) – Members were informed that repair and maintenance works was due to start on 20 November.

Pedestrian Crossing at Swan Lane (Item 3) – The Deputy Chairman advised that he had been unable to raise the matter at the previous London Council's meeting; however, he would endeavour to obtain information via an alternative source.

Trinity Square – (Item 6) – Members were advised that equipment was being sought to remove the road markings which were causing some confusion in the Trinity Square area.

The Chairman expressed thanks to officers for ensuring removal of the lamp post in front of the St Lawrence Jewry drinking fountain.

4. **CHEAPSIDE STAGE 4A - GRESHAM STREET OBJECTIONS REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment relative to the objections received in relation to Cheapside Stage 4A (Gresham Street).

In response to a question raised, the Director advised that a final report containing firm details in relation to materials would be brought back to Committee for agreement.

Reference was also made to the taxi population in the city and the issues around enforcement which the Director undertook to ensure were fully considered in the final report.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) The making of Traffic Orders under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 be agreed, so as to make the two-way operation at the Gresham Street junction with Aldersgate Street permanent;
- b) The Objectors be informed of the Committees decision; and
- c) A further report be brought back to the Committee at Gateway 4/5 stage.

5. **OUTCOME REPORT - CYCLE PARKING 2011-12**

Consideration was given to an outcome report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding Cycle Parking 2011/2012.

The Chairman complemented Officers on the success of the project.

RESOLVED – That,

- i) It be noted that the project was delivered with a high level of success in both of the measured criteria (number of spaces implemented and the initial use of those spaces); and
- ii) Authorisation be granted to close the project.

6. **OUTLINE OPTIONS APPRAISAL - LEADENHALL STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided information regarding the Outline Options Appraisal for Leadenhall Street Pedestrian Crossing Improvements.

Members expressed their support to progress Option 3, acknowledging that the number of pedestrians was likely to increase in the area due to new office developments nearby; therefore it was important to move the project forward as a quickly as possible.

RESOLVED – That Option 3 (a large signalised junction) be progressed further for reasons described in Section 22 of the report.

7. RIVERSIDE WALK ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of the Riverside Walk Enhancement Strategy (progress report and proposed review).

Members received a presentation from the Assistant Director (Environmental Enhancement).

Members expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians due to prohibited cycling on the Riverside Walk. The number of runners could also be a problem at times. Members were advised that details of further projects would be brought to the Sub-Committee at future meetings for full discussion. Members noted that the key point was to ensure the walkway accommodated the various types of users.

The Director agreed to clarify with the Comptroller and City Solicitor and the Remembrancer the position in respect of amendments to the respective powers for policing the walkway and provide a response to Members.

RESOLVED – That,

- i) the update information on the Strategy be received and actions noted; and
- ii) Officers be authorised to commence a review and update of the Strategy, with a view to the updated draft being approved by Members prior to public consultation in 2013

8. 8-10 MOORGATE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of 8-10 Moorgate Area Improvements.

RESOLVED – That in line with Officers recommendation, Option 1 be progressed as follows:

- a) Improvements to Telegraph Street and Tokenhouse Yard, directly adjacent to the 8-10 Moorgate development.

9. SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY - RIDELONDON

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which allowed Members the opportunity to comment on the proposal and

consider the appropriateness of the RideLondon event taking into account the nature, scale and impact on the City streets.

Members were informed that between now and August 2013, officers would be working on the detail of the plan for the events, with the Sunday set to be the larger of the two, however an interim report would be brought to the Committee in February 2013.

In response to a question, Officers agreed to liaise with the organisers to ensure that adequate public toilet facilities were available for event participants. Officers also agreed to communicate the events to cruise ships docking on the same day, as well as licensed establishments.

RESOLVED – That the RideLondon event on 3rd and 4th August 2013 be supported, and Officers in the Highways Division be requested to work closely with TfL and the event organisers on the proposed routes through the City.

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 were no items of urgent business.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) 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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.35 pm

Chairman

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