

<b>Committees:</b>	<b>Dates:</b>
Streets & Walkways Projects Sub Committee	15 October 2012 16 October 2012
<b>Subject:</b> Globe View Walkway - Opening Up and Enhancing the Riverside Walk	Public
<b>Report of:</b> Director of the Built Environment	For Decision

### Summary

Officers have been exploring options for the Riverside Walkway at Globe View which has been closed since 2003. Due to the need to progress this project, but also to undertake some further internal consultation it is recommended that approval of the Outline Options Appraisal is delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Streets & Walkways and Projects Sub Committee. A Gateway 4 – Detailed Options Appraisal will then be submitted to both Committees for consideration.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that approval of the outline options appraisal be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Streets & Walkways and Projects Sub Committee.

### Main Report

#### **Background**

1. The Riverside Walkway at Globe View has remained closed since 2003 due to problems with rough sleeping and fire lighting. These problems are a result of the layout and disconnected nature of the walkway. The enclosed space is unwelcoming due to the enclosed nature and blind corners, and the river is not visible. The walkway currently follows a lengthy diversion via High Timber Street.
2. In 2011, it was agreed that options be developed enable the walkway to be reopened.

#### **Current Position**

3. Officers have been developing options and consultants have been commissioned to address the concerns. As part of this process, officers have consulted local occupiers, residents and Ward Members. Funding to prepare a detailed options appraisal has been identified from TfL, under "Streets as Places".
4. The TfL funding for project needs to be spent this financial year, and it is therefore important that the project continues to progress. Additionally some further internal consultation needs to take place. It is therefore recommended that approval of the outline options appraisal be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Streets & Walkways and Projects Sub Committee. This would allow the project to continue to progress, and a detailed options appraisal (Gateway 4) then presented to Committee.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

5. The completion of the Riverside Walkway has been identified as a corporate priority. Now that neighbouring sections of walkway are either complete or planned, opening up this section of walkway is of increased importance.

### **Conclusion**

6. Opening up the Riverside Walkway is a corporate priority. The proposed delegation of the outline options will allow the project to continue to progress as required. Detailed options to be reported to Committee in due course.

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