

Committee: Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee	Date: 25 February 2020
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b). This action related to:

60 LONDON WALL S278 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main report

1. On 27 April 2017 conditional planning permission (16/00776/FULMAJ) was granted for partial demolition and redevelopment of 60 London Wall to provide retail and/or restaurant floor space at ground level and offices above on the land fronting London Wall and Cophall Avenue. Highway enabling works were required to integrate the development with the surrounding public highway and the City entered into a Section 278 agreement with the developer to deliver these works.
2. Through the detailed design process, it became apparent that more significant changes to the highway were required to accommodate threshold levels within the development and integrate the development into the surrounding highway. This included additional drainage work.
3. The increase in costs took the project from the light to general stream of the projects procedure. The design for the section 278 works was developed in partnership with the developer. Arising from this, approval for a change in the total estimated cost of the project of an increase of approximately £150,000 was requested in a report of the Director of the Built Environment to the Projects Sub Committee and the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee. The Projects Sub Committee approved the recommendations at its meeting on 27 January 2020.
4. Urgency was requested for Streets and Walkways Committee in order to ensure the necessary licences were in place and materials were procured in order to commence works in line with the developer's program. To line up with the practical completion of the development, works needed to start on 24 February.

If the report must wait until Committee on 25 February then it is likely that works will not start until late March/ early April, due to material lead in times, time taken for finance set-ups and works mobilisation periods.

Action Taken

That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, agreed:

1. The total construction budget (Gateway 5) of £365,797 is approved for 60 London Wall Section 278;
2. Note the revised total estimated cost of the project of £405,797;
3. Delegate authority for any adjustments between elements of the approved budget to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chamberlain's Head of Finance;
4. Delegate authority for any budget increases to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chamberlain and Town Clerk, provided there is no change to the approved scope of works and the City receives upfront funding from the developer.

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