

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 26 May 2020**

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held on Tuesday, 26 May 2020 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

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

Also in attendance:

Marianne Fredericks
William Upton

Officers:

Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Olumayowa Obisesan	- Chamberlain's Department
Gillian Howard	- Department of the Built Environment
Leah Coburn	- Department of the Built Environment
Melanie Charalambous	- Department of the Built Environment
Clarisse Tavin	- Department of the Built Environment
Tom Noble	- Department of the Built Environment
Daniel Laybourn	- Department of the Built Environment
Kristian Turner	- Department of the Built Environment
Neil West	- Department of the Built Environment

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Members and those watching the live broadcast of the meeting via YouTube, before reminding Members of the guidance circulated for the conducting of remote meetings.

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. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 25 February 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Outstanding References

The Director of the Built Environment updated the Sub Committee on Beech Street. The Beech Street Zero Emissions Zone had been operational as of 18 March, but lockdown measures had made it difficult to assess the impact of the scheme. A Member suggested increased signage and messaging may be required to improve compliance with the scheme. In relation to Dockless Bikes, a Member raised the issue of e-scooters which may be legalised for road use in due course. Arrangements for managing them would be required as a matter of course, possibly by extension of the existing measures in respect of dockless bikes.

4. **BANK JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS - ALL CHANGE AT BANK**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting a Gateway 3 outline options appraisal for improvements to Bank Junction as part of the All Change at Bank project. The Director of the Built Environment introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the key points, as well as outlining each of the options presented to the Sub Committee, and advising that the plans were able to account for the circumstances arising from the Covid-19 outbreak and the City's recovery plan had been taken into consideration.

The Sub Committee then proceeded to discuss the proposals. Members were supportive of proceeding with the project, but sought assurances or further details regarding integration with other projects, additional costs, consultation, traffic restrictions, and possible delays to works on Bank Station. In response to questions from Members, the Director of the Built Environment advised that the project would be compatible with the Covid-19 recovery programme, and outlined the consultation undertaken so far, with further public consultation scheduled in early 2021.

The Director of the Built Environment advised that it was possible that the upgrades to Bank Station would be delayed, but this had not yet been confirmed, and officers would report on this once information became available. Officers continued to work closely with TfL on traffic restrictions and options for bus rerouting. The Director of the Built Environment then gave the Sub Committee further detail on pedestrian space uplift, road closures and bus diversions under some of the options presented. In response to a question from a Member, the Director of the Built Environment assured the Sub Committee that access groups would be consulted on the project's design to ensure good accessibility and mobility in the area.

Arising from the discussion, the recommendations were put to vote amongst eligible Members, who voted unanimously in favour of the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Note the additional secured £4 million funding for the project from the 2019 Capital Bid process;
 2. Note the total estimated cost of the project at £5-5.6M (excluding risk);
 3. Approve Options I, IV and V as the closure/restriction options to take forward to Gateway 4 for additional feasibility design;
 4. Agree the revised budget line amounts in Table 1 (section 3), which remain within the existing approved budget allocation of £1,583,457; and
 5. Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment to approve budget adjustments, above the existing authority within the project procedures and in consultation with Chamberlains, between budget lines if this is within the approved total project budget amount.
5. **CITY CLUSTER AREA PROGRAMME - UPDATED DELIVERY PLAN**
The Sub Committee was advised that the report had been deferred. The Director of the Built Environment explained that the impact of Covid-19 had implications for the project, and the deferral would allow greater opportunity to assess traffic and pedestrian measures.
6. **CITY PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS CONSOLIDATED OUTCOME REPORT, GATEWAY 6**
The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting the consolidated outcome reports for consolidates the outcome reports for seven City Public Realm projects; Fredericks Place, 8-10 Moorgate, 1 Angel Court, 11-19 Monument St, Monument St/Lower Thames St, Fenchurch Place and Lime Street/Cullum Street. The Sub Committee expressed their commendation, as the projects produced excellent outcomes and impressive enhancements, with all projects coming in under budget, and gave thanks to officers and the Projects Sub Committee for their management of the projects.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of the Built Environment advised that Section 278 underspends would be returned to respective developers, but that officers could review Section 106 agreements for in caser there was scope to redistribute those underspends.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

- a) Note the report and receive the outcome information; and

- b) Approve the recommendations on each individual project report as set out.

7. **20 FARRINGDON/OLD FLEET LANE GATEWAY 6**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment presenting Gateway 6 outcomes for the 20 Farringdon / Old Fleet Lane project.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

- a) Approve the content of this outcome report;
- b) Authorise the Chamberlain's department to return unspent section 278 funds to the Developer as set out in the respective legal agreement subject to the verification of the final account; and
- c) Agree to close the 20 Farringdon/ Old Fleet Lane project.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Member raised that they had noticed a recent increase in incidences of graffiti around the Square Mile. The Director of the Built Environment confirmed that there had been a recent increase in incidents, and advised that Members should still report incidents, which would then be rectified. A Member added that incidents of graffiti could also be reported through the 'Love the Square Mile' app.

In response to a question from a Member regarding the planned 7am-7pm road closures, the Director of the Built Environment gave assurances that efforts would be made to make timed access restrictions as consistent as possible. The Director of the Built Environment added that as part of the Transport Strategy a request was made to review the Congestion Charge with regards to the Square Mile. Going forward, it was hoped that next-generation road user charging would enable more sophisticated schemes.

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

There was no other business.

The Chairman thanked Members and officers for their attendance and thanked Members of the public watching the live broadcast, before closing the meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.55 am

Chairman

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