

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Streets and Walkways Sub Committee	13 January 2014
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
<p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>This report provides details of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41 (b).</p> <p><b>Recommendations:-</b> That the action taken be noted.</p>	

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) provide mechanisms for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Planning and Transportation Committee, either where it is urgently necessary that a decision be made or where the Committee has delegated power for a decision to be taken.

#### **Decisions Taken under Urgency Procedures**

2. The following actions have been taken under **Urgency**, Standing Order No. 41 (a)-

#### **Aldgate Highway Changes**

Since Members approved the Gateway 4 report in October '13 a number of issues have become apparent which required a decision to be taken under Urgency procedures.

In summary, the main elements of the scheme are: the introduction of two-way working on Aldgate High Street and St Botolph Street; and the creation of a new public space between the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School and St Botolph without Aldgate Church.

#### **Action agreed under urgency**

- i) the Section 101 and Section 8 Agreements considered necessary to deliver the project being delegated the Director of the Department of the Built Environment; and
- ii) the commissioning of Kier Limited via the SCAPE framework to undertake the initial feasibility study.

#### **Reason for Urgency**

In order for this project to progress swiftly the City Corporation would need to produce a traffic order for the relevant section of Middlesex Street which falls within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. This experimental closure is due to be implemented on 20 January 2014. Whilst the Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub-Committees are due to meet in January they meet too late for the necessary arrangements to be put in place.

### **John Carpenter Street (Gateway 3/4/5)**

The project proposes hard and soft landscaping improvements to the highway at the southern end of John Carpenter Street to make it an attractive and usable area through the introduction of new seating, paving materials, landscaping and lighting.

#### **Action agreed under Urgency**

- i) the maximum implementation cost of the project to be £697,000 as funded by the developer of 60 Victoria Embankment (JP Morgan); and
- ii) authority to start work to deliver Option 1, subject to receipt of funding from the developer; and
- iii) City officers to obtain any necessary planning, listed building, traffic order or other consents as may be necessary to implement the project as described in this report.

#### **Reason for Urgency**

This is a Combined Options Appraisal and Authority to Start Work report and is brought forward under Urgency to utilise time critical external funding. The report was anticipated to be approved under delegated authority by the Director of Built Environment as agreed at Gateway 2 however increases in the cost of the scheme as driven by the client due to the extent of works and design qualities has exceeded the originally anticipated total project cost.

#### **Conclusion**

3. Members are asked to note to contents of this report.

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