

Committee:	Date:
Streets and Walkways Sub Committee	10 March 2014
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<p><u>Summary</u></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>Recommendations:- 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 action has been taken under **Delegated Authority**, Standing Order No. 41 (b)-

Gateway 5 – Authority to Start Works – Silk Street

3. Authority was delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of both the Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub Committees to proceed to Gateway 5 (Authority to Start Works) in light of further consultation which was required with residents and stakeholders.
4. The responses to the consultation process can be found in the Members' Reading Room) and the proposals which have been approved under Delegated Authority are summarised below -
 - to provide an enhanced pedestrian environment and increase the amount of greenery in the area
 - to widen the southern and eastern footways on Silk Street to provide more space for pedestrians; this will also provide opportunity to introduce additional street trees adjacent to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama
 - to install a raised section of carriageway outside the main entrance to the Barbican Centre and this feature will primarily serve to enhance the status of the entrance and calm driver behaviour; and
 - to simplify the layout of the junction of Silk Street and Beech Street – so reducing the number of zebra crossings from four to two which will provide wider footpaths for pedestrians.

5. The total estimate cost of the project is £856, 203. A budget tolerance of £150,000 was proposed for potential utility and paving works, however, this was not supported by the Projects Sub Committee. Should further funding be required, officers would need to submit a further report.
6. A Gateway 6 (progress report) would be presented to Members during the implementation phase.

Action agreed under delegated authority

- 1) That approval be given to start work based on the proposals contained in the attached report, **however, the budget tolerance of £150,000 in relation to potential utility and paving works be not approved; and**
- 2) Officers be authorised to progress any necessary Traffic Orders.

Conclusion

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

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