STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Monday, 9 June 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 9 June 2014 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Jeremy Simons (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Revd Dr Martin Dudley
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Brian Harris
Graham Packham
Deputy Michael Welbank

Officers:

Katie Odling Town Clerk's Department

Rob Oakley
Steve Presland
Department of the Built Environment
Doug Wilkinson
Department of the Built Environment

Patrick Hegarty Open Spaces Department

Norma Collicott City Police
Alan Rickwood City Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alex Bain-Stewart, Oliver Lodge, Sylvia Moys and Deputy John Barker.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Sub Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman, and Marianne Fredericks, being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve, was declared to be duly elected Chairman of the Sub Committee for the ensuing year, and she took her place.

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting and expressed her thanks to those Members no longer on the Committee.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Standing Order No 30 (4) (b), Jeremy Simons be elected Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee expressed sincere thanks to Mr Simons for his excellent Chairmanship over the last three years. In response, Mr Simons thanked the Sub Committee for its support.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference of the Sub Committee were noted.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2014 be approved.

7. ALDGATE HIGHWAY CHANGES AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvement Project.

During discussion, reference was made to the following -

- The Pavilion would be in operation 7 days a week and managed by the operator of the facility.
- As part of the detailed design stage, full consideration would be given to designing out the nuisance and risks from skateboarding.
- The podium drainage repair project that was currently being undertaken at the Barbican would not be delayed as a result of this project.
- The project had received full approval from Transport for London.
- Due to the size and significance of the project, the Sub Committee would receive progress every 6 months.
- Officers were content from a design perspective that the north/south cycle route was fit-for-purpose.
- Officers agreed it would be sufficient to insert parking bays on just one side of the Minories.

The Sub Committee considered that in addition to the £6M contribution from TfL that the balancing figure be delivered through a combination of S106 funding and potential future CIL receipt, as opposed to S106 funding only.

Members noted the comments made by the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee that the 'Middle Specification Option' excluded some highly desirable features of the project and it was therefore agreed to recommended that the 'Full Specification Option' should be approved but at the same cost of the 'Middle Specification Option' of £18.7M.

RESOLVED - That.

- a) the Full Specification Option be approved, at a cost of £18.7M;
- b) authority be given to fund this project utilising a combination of TfL funding and S106 funds as set out in Appendix G and CIL funding;
- c) authorisation be given for £10M to be set aside from the OSPR account to act as an underwriting sum for this project, which will only be drawn upon to address temporary shortfalls in S106 funding This authorisation shall be progressively reduced as S106 and CIL funds are committed to the project.;
- authority be delegated to the Director of the Department of the Built Environment to renegotiate the S106 agreements highlighted in Appendix G such that the funds as set out may be utilised for delivery of the Aldgate Project (subject to consultation with the Comptroller and City Solicitor);
- e) the revenue implications (see Appendix I) for the initial five years following construction be met through S106; and
- f) the future revenue budget increases for the following 15 years should be funded by draw down against future CIL.

8. REVIEW OF GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which summarised the findings of a review of the current procedure for considering applications to hold major special events in the Square Mile.

RESOLVED - That.

- a) the proposals for a revised Special Events consideration process be agreed;
- b) the revised fees and charging structure be agreed;
- c) the changes to the Children's Parade event, which will be subject to a full post-event review be noted;
- d) support be given for the Royal Marines Parade; and
- e) the application for the 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes' event be accepted.

9. ADVERTISING ('A') BOARDS IN THE CITY OF LONDON

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment which considered current practices in relation to permitting Advertising Boards ('A' Boards) on the footway in the City and recommended that they should not be permitted. The Sub Committee noted that prior to a decision being taken by the Planning and Transportation Committee; this report would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for comment.

The Sub Committee considered 'A' Boards were obstructive and that shops and businesses should advertise in the correct way to reduce clutter and competing problems on streets. The Sub Committee expressed its support for the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT <u>Issues Report: Update on the Barbican Area Strategy Review</u>

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Barbican Area Strategy Review.

RESOLVED - That the Resource Allocation Sub Committee be asked to release an additional £204,078 from the City Fund to deliver the revised Barbican Area Strategy Review.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

13. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2014 be approved.

14. ST PAUL'S CHURCHYARD

The Sub Committee considered and approved a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding St Paul's Churchyard.

15. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no items of urgent business.

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