

Committee: Streets and Walkways Sub Committee	Date: 22 September 2014
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<u>Summary</u>	
<p>1. This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>2. To note the action taken since the last meeting of the Committee.</p>	

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3. The following action has been taken under delegated authority Standing Order No. 41(b), since the last meeting of the Committee:-
4. **Bank By-Pass Walking Routes**
Your Sub Committee delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee at its meeting on 9 July 2014 to approve the Gateway 4 report in relation to the Bank By-Pass Walking Routes project.
- Approval has therefore been given for the Town Clerk to
- a) approve the change request for the inclusion of Abchurch Lane south as a later phase and the change in scope for Nicholas Lane
 - b) approve recommended options for Phase 1 and 2 as detailed in the report (subject to the making of the necessary traffic orders); and
 - c) delegate the Gateway 5 approval for Phases 1 and 2 to the Director of the Built Environment.
5. The following action has been taken under the urgency procedures, Standing Order No. 41(a), since the last meeting of the Committee:-
6. **Environmental Enhancement projects to be delivered in 2014/15 using additional Transport for London (TfL) funding**
In August 2014, TfL offered the City additional funding from the major scheme fund to progress and deliver a range of transportation and environmental enhancement projects and strategic work, which must be spent by 31 March 2015.

Officers reviewed the City's Area Strategies and identified the Fleet Street Area Strategy, as well as six environmental enhancement projects within other Area Strategies as being appropriate for the funding available and deliverable within the time scale. Each of the projects is considered to be low risk to complete in the time scale as they are not particularly challenging to complete technically. However, construction needs to commence on all projects in January 2015 to allow completion by 31 March 2015.

Reason for urgency - Approval was therefore given for these works under urgency procedures due to the lead-in time for ordering of essential materials (12 to 16 weeks). Although it was reasonable to delay these orders until the Projects Sub-Committee could approve these works at their meeting on 2nd September, the further three week delay until your Streets & Walkways Committee meeting would significantly increase the risk of the projects not being completed by 31 March 2015, which would then leave the City Corporation liable to fund the projects.

The total funding offered by TfL for the projects is £890,000. The City Corporation currently only has £184,440 of funding allocated for the projects, so a delay to the commencement of the projects would increase the risk that the City Corporation would become liable to fund the projects.

7. **Crossrail Moorgate Urban Integration**

Approval was given by the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee to approve funding of £115,000 as set out below to allow the project to progress to Gateway 4 (stage 1) and the agreement of design proposals by the end of December 2014.

Table 1 : Summary of estimated costs to reach Gateway 4 (stage 1)	
<i>Item description:</i>	<i>Estimated cost (£)</i>
Estimated consultants fees	£ 70,000
Estimated staff costs	£ 45,000
Total	£ 115,000

Reason for Urgency - the timescale for the delivery of the next Gateway stage of this project is extremely tight. This is due to Crossrail imposed deadlines and the need for the City to have agreed a detailed design for the Moorgate Crossrail area by December 2014. The report cannot wait an extra 3 weeks to be heard at the next Committee meeting as this time is urgently required to tender for a landscape architect consultancy and make this appoint, so the project can be progressed with the significant internal and external stakeholders. Officers will need to report back to Members at Gateway 4 in November to meet Crossrail's December deadline.

Background Documents

1. Report of the Director of the Built Environment – Bank By-Pass Walking Routes.
2. Report of the Director of the Built Environment - Environmental Enhancement projects to be delivered in 2014/15 using additional Transport for London funding
3. Report of the Director of the Built Environment – Crossrail Moorgate Urban Integration

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