

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Streets and Walkways Sub Projects Sub	13 July 2015 21 July 2015
Subject: Bart's Close Enhancements - Request for Gateway 4 report to be considered under delegated authority	Public
Report of: Director of the Built Environment	For Decision
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>This report requests that the decision on the Gateway 4 (detailed options appraisal) report in relation to the Bart's Close enhancement project be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways and Project Sub Committees.</p> <p>The reason for the request is so that a decision can be made over the summer recess in order to provide certainty for the developer who is funding the scheme through a voluntary Section 106 Agreement. The report will still need to be determined by the Court of Common Council in September as the total cost of the project is in excess of £5m.</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub Committees to determine the Gateway 4 (Detailed Options Appraisal) report for enhancements to Bart's Close. 	

Main Report

Background

1. This project relates to environmental enhancements in Bart's Close and Little Britain. The project is funded from the Section 106 agreement connected to a mixed use re-development of several buildings in Bart's Close. This Agreement includes an additional voluntary payment of up to £7.8m from the developer for Public Realm works.
2. In accordance with the Section 106 agreement, the City has established a Working Party to guide the project. This Working Party has agreed a set of objectives that was approved by Members as part of the Gateway 3 report in July 2014. The Working Party has subsequently overseen the development of design options for the scheme and agreed these for public consultation which runs from 22 June to 13 July 2015.

Proposal

3. It is proposed to prepare the Gateway 4 report in July, following the public consultation on the proposals. Delegated authority is sought so that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub Committees can consider the report over the August recess. The main reasons for this are as follows:
 - The scheme will be constructed over a number of phases and will be coordinated with the redevelopment works which have already commenced. The developer has requested that detailed options be agreed as soon as possible to provide certainty and assist with programming the works.
 - In an effort to minimise disruption, there is a need to coordinate the impact on the highway including utility excavation, deliveries and highway works. The earlier the extent of the improvements is agreed, the better.

Implications

4. The Section 106 contribution that this project is funded from is a voluntary payment from the developer that they have agreed to in order to ensure that the streets and spaces surrounding their new development are of a high standard.
5. Providing the developer with early certainty over the extent and design of the enhancement works will help to reduce risk and allow more time to coordinate the works.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – plan of project area

Background Papers:

Bart's Close Gateway 3 report – July 2014

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Appendix 1 – plan of project area

