

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Monday, 21 September 2015

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, 21 September 2015 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Alex Bain-Stewart
Deputy John Barker (Ex-Officio Member)
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Christopher Hayward
Sylvia Moys
Graham Packham
Jeremy Simons
Michael Welbank

Officers:

Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department
Olumayowa Obisesan	Chamberlain's Department
Carolyn Dwyer	Director of Built Environment
Victor Callister	Department of the Built Environment
Kay English	Department of the Built Environment
Giles Radford	Department of the Built Environment
Rob Oakley	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	Open Spaces Department
Inspector Hector McKoy	City of London Licensing Team
Alan Rickwood	City of London Police

The Chairman welcomed Carolyn Dwyer, Director of the Built Environment to the Sub Committee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Brian Harris and the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2015 be approved.

4. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-

4.1 Fleet Street Area Strategy

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which set out the planned public consultation exercise for a revised and expanded Fleet Street Area Enhancement Strategy.

The Sub Committee discussed the importance of redressing the balance in favour of pedestrians, modelled on the recent enhancements to Cheapside.

Members acknowledged that the area offered inefficient pedestrian, cycling and bus infrastructure to meet the needs of the City of London and were informed that Officers were working with organisations including Transport for London (TfL) to identify improvements in these areas.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) an additional resource of £56,350 be approved to carry out the consultation and finalise the strategy document, to be funded from the Section 106 agreement connected to 30 Old Bailey / 60 Ludgate Hill;
- b) approval be given for the public consultation on the Fleet Street Area Enhancement Strategy to take place in winter 2015; and
- c) authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment to finalise the details of the relevant consultation materials in liaison with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

4.2 Gateway 3 / 4 Options Appraisal: Bloomberg Development - S278 Highway Changes

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Section 278 Highway Changes at the Bloomberg Development.

Members discussed matters relating the road safety and the significant cluster of accidents involving vulnerable road users along Cannon Street. Members noted that the proposal at Cannon Street intended to introduce improvements similar to that delivered at Cheapside to address the road safety issue and enhance the street environment concurrently.

The Sub Committee congratulated Officers on an excellent report.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the proposed highway changes shown in Appendices 2a and 2b to be progressed to detail design;
- b) an increase in budget of £452,000 to complete detail design as shown in Appendix 5 including a risk allowance to manage the impact of utilities on the project programme be approved;
- c) authority be delegated for any adjustments between elements of the £452,000 required budget to the Director of the Built Environment in conjunction with the Chamberlain's Head of Finance provided the total approved budget of £452,000 is not exceeded;
- d) the next Gateway be dependent on funding sources sought and / or secured as follows:
 - If "Parking Reserve Fund" and / or "CIL – Neighbourhood / Unallocated" funding is sought, then the project will progress to Gateway 4a as approval

from the Corporate Priorities Board and the Resource Allocation Sub Committee would be required;

- If “CIL - Department of Built Environment” and / or “voluntary contribution from developer” funding is secured then the project can progress to Gateway 4b as approval of the Court of Common Council is required for projects over £5 million in value.
- e) implementation of elements of the proposal currently awaiting funding - being (a) the southern side of Cannon Street, and (b) Bucklersbury and the northern end of Walbrook - be confirmed at Gateway 5 and can be held in abeyance until such time as funding is available.
- f) Officers to authorised to enter into any legal agreements required to progress the proposed highway changes including to secure any voluntary contributions from the developer.
- g) construction material with critical lead-in times be pre-ordered before Gateway 5 approval provided funding is received from the developer. (This to ensure construction can commence in a timely fashion to meet the developer’s programme.) Such agreement to be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee.

4.3 Issue Report: Street Lighting Replacement Project

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the street lighting replacement project.

RESOLVED – That the reallocation of the project’s remaining funds to cover staff costs in order to reach Gateway 3/4 be approved.

4.4 Environmental Enhancement projects consolidated outcome report - Gateway 7

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which consolidates the outcome reports for eight environmental enhancement projects that had been completed in the past 18 months.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations contained in the individual reports be approved.

5. CITY FUND HIGHWAY DECLARATION - THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL DEVELOPMENT AT BLACKFRIARS FORESHORE

The Sub Committee received a report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor regarding the Thames Tideway Tunnel development at Blackfriars foreshore.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

Parking restrictions on Cloth Fair – Members were informed that guidance regarding this would be distributed in due course.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

8. **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.

9. **ISSUE REPORT: SKATEBOARDING (ST PAUL'S CHURCHYARD)**

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

10. **THAMES TIDEWAY TUNNEL - LAND DISPOSAL AT VICTORIA EMBANKMENT/BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE FORESHORE**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor regarding the land disposal at Victoria Embankment/Blackfriars Bridge foreshore.

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

There were no questions.

12. **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.

The meeting ended at 1.05 pm

Chairman

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