

Committee	Date:
Streets and Walkways Sub Committee	21 October 2015
Subject: Report on Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information

Summary

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 Orders.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the action taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Main Report

1. The following actions have been taken under delegated authority, Standing Order No. 41(b), since the last meeting of the Committee:-

Bart's Close Public Realm Enhancement

2. On 13 & 21 July 2015, respectively, the Streets & Walkways and Projects Sub Committees agreed that delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Sub Committees to determine the Gateway 4 report for enhancements to Bart's Close.
3. The project proposed significant public realm enhancements in the vicinity of a major new development at Bart's Close, to be secured through a Section 106 agreement and a separate sum secured via a Section 278 Agreement.
4. In accordance with the obligations of the Section 106 agreement, the City established a Working Party to guide the project. Since the Gateway 3 approval, traffic studies and surveys had been carried out to establish the projected parking and loading demand in the area as a result of the redevelopment. Four options for the highway layout and public realm enhancements were developed which were considered by the Working Party.
5. In May 2015, the Working Party agreed one preferred option to be taken forward to public consultation with sub-options to be consulted on in relation to planting. A public consultation exercise was therefore undertaken in June and July 2015 and a total of 22 responses were received. Overall the proposals were very well received with the main comments related to tree planting and parking and loading provision in the area. The majority of people preferred the planting option which proposed flowering trees in the main Square.

6. A Section 278 Agreement was also required which related to re-surfacing of existing and new areas of highway adjacent to the redevelopment, highway lighting and associated works to the highway that were necessary to facilitate the development. An adoption agreement was also required to make provision for construction and adoption of the new highway areas to the satisfaction of the City as highway authority.

Action approved under Urgency procedures:

- (i) the enhancement proposals be approved to be taken forward to Gateway 5 to be funded from the Section106 public realm works contribution from the Bartholomew Close development, subject to the receipt of funds from the developer;
- (ii) the Comptroller and City Solicitor be authorised to enter into Section 278 Agreements and a highway adoption agreement to secure the carrying out and funding of highway works required to facilitate the development and the construction and adoption of new highway, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Built Environment; and
- (iii) Staff costs and fees of £204,000 be approved to take the scheme to Gateway 5, funded from the Section106 public realm works contribution from the Bartholomew Close development (£159,000) and the Section 278 Agreement (£45,000).

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