

## PROJECTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

**Minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 1.45 pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)  
Nigel Challis  
Henry Colthurst  
Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Graham Packham  
Deputy John Tomlinson  
Michael Welbank

#### **In attendance**

Marianne Fredericks

#### **Officers:**

Peter Lisley	- Town Clerk's Department
Christopher Braithwaite	- Town Clerk's Department
Craig Spencer	- Town Clerk's Department
Arshi Zaman	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain's Department
Tony Cairney	- City of London Police
Pauline Weaver	- City of London Police
Huw Rhys Lewis	- City Surveyor's Department
Steve Presland	- Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
David Pearson	- Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries
David Downing	- Community and Children's Services Department
Mike Saunders	- Community and Children's Services Department
Alan Bubbear	- City of London School for Girls
Christopher Bate	- Barbican Centre
Michael Dick	- Barbican Centre

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Boleat, Roger Chadwick, Chris Heyward and Hugh Morris.

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

There were no declarations.

### **3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 4 November 2015 are approved as an accurate record, subject to the

amendment of Resolution b of minute item 6 (“St Mary-at-Hill Churchyard Environmental Enhancement Scheme (EE104) – GW4 Detailed Options Appraisal”) to read “notes that this project is subject to securing external funding.”

4. **GATEWAY APPROVAL PROCESS**

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee notes the Gateway Approval Process.

5. **BANK JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS - GATEWAY 3**

The Sub-Committee considered a Gateway 3 report of the Director of the Built Environment which set out the Options for changes to Bank Junction to improve the safety, air quality and sense of place, while also addressing the functioning and efficiency of the junction and surrounding road network. This report had been considered and approved by the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee the previous day. The Sub-Committee noted that the ultimate decision as to whether to proceed with this Project would lie with the Policy and Resources Committee, due to the strategic nature of the issue.

The Chairman noted that the report only brought forward one interim proposal for progression, closing the junction between 7am and 7pm on weekdays to all road users except buses, pedal cycle and on foot. The Chairman explained that the report referred to other potential options, and suggested that further consideration should be given to these options, as long as it did not delay the Corporation in taking action to improve the Junction.

Members discussed this and agreed that it was important that the Corporation made the correct decision to improve the Junction, as this was a Project which had significant public safety implications. Members were particularly concerned that any further consideration of options did not delay action. The Director of Built Environment confirmed that while conducting further work on the alternative options would have a cost implication, it should not have any time implication.

The Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee explained that there had been a very significant amount of work on the interim proposal for the Junction, and she believed that this remained the best option for the Junction in the short term. She also informed the Sub-Committee that a further Members’ Briefing on this Project had been arranged prior to the meeting of Court of Common Council on Thursday, 3 December 2015.

After discussing the matter, the Sub-Committee agreed that the Service Committee (Planning and Transportation) should be requested to agree that the alternative interim proposals be further developed, to ensure that the best interim proposal was pursued. The Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee indicated that he would be content with this approach. The Sub-Committee suggested that, to avoid any delay to the project, this could be progressed under urgency procedures.

**RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee:**

- a) Agrees the progression of Options 1 (full closure), 2 (no north south), 4 (one east west route removed) and 5 (50% capacity reduction on each arm) to be carried forward into detailed options appraisal, Gateway 4.
- b) Notes the increase of the potential top end expenditure for the total project to £18m
- c) Approves the inclusion of the remaining £20,000 S106 from the Cheapside stage 4 underspend into the Bank Junction Project.
- d) Agrees the inclusion of £150,909 into the Capital programme for continuation of the overall project to Gateway 4.
- e) Requests that the Planning and Transportation Committee direct Officers to further develop all potential interim options for the Bank Junction Improvements Project (under urgency procedures if required);
- f) Subject to e) above, approves the development of the interim safety scheme as part of the programme for the Bank Junction Improvements Project, alongside the other options referred to at e) above. This element will be reported back to both committees for approval at the authority to start works stage as a separate Gateway 5 report, subject to confirmation of funding.
- g) Approve the Inclusion of £120,000 into the Capital Programme for the Interim Safety scheme.
- h) Delegates authority to the Director of the Built Environment and Head of Finance to adjust the budget between the fees, staff costs and surveys/works (as indicated above for both the long term and short term projects) once more robust estimates have been established, providing it remains within the approved budgets.

6. **BLOOMBERG DEVELOPMENT - S278 HIGHWAY CHARGES - GATEWAY 4**  
The Sub-Committee considered a Gateway 4 report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided an update in relation to the Highway Changes required as a result of the Bloomsberg development, which the Sub-Committee considered at its last meeting. The report also sought approval to allocate funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy – Department of the Built Environment for the works at Cannon Street.

The Committee was advised that a report would also be considered by the Court of Common Council to progress this Project. Court approval was required as the Project cost was now in excess of £5m.

**RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee:**

- a) Notes that the project has progressed to Gateway 4b (and will progress to Gateway 5 following approval of the Court of Common Council) with funding sought from “CIL – Department of the Built Environment” and “voluntary contribution from the developer” (as opposed to “Parking Reserve Fund” and / or “CIL – Neighbourhood / Unallocated” funding).
- b) Approves the allocation of £425,500 from CIL-Department of the Built Environment to specifically progress the improvements to the southern side of Cannon Street to address the road safety issues at Cannon Street as part of the wider proposal.
- c) Approves the progression of improvements at Bucklersbury and the northern end of Walbrook should a voluntary contribution from the developer be secured.

**7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) 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.

**Item No.**  
10-24

**Paragraph No**  
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**10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Sub-Committee approved the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2015 as an accurate record.

**11. PROPOSED POLICE MUSEUM - GATEWAY 1/2 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a Gateway 1/2 report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries which requested approval for the relocation of the City of London Police Museum.

**12. 64 AND 65 LONDON WALL, EC2 - EXTERNAL WORKS, REFURBISHMENT OF MAIN ENTRANCE, COMMON PARTS AND VARIOUS OFFICES - GATEWAY 1/2 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a Gateway 1/2 report of the City Surveyor seeking funding to continue works to complete essential repairs, redecoration and modernisation of 64 and 65 London Wall.

13. **CANDLEWICK HOUSE, 116-126, CANNON STREET, EC4 - EXTERNAL WORKS, REFURBISHMENT OF MAIN ENTRANCE AND COMMON PARTS AND VARIOUS OFFICE FLOORS - GATEWAY 1/2 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a Gateway 1/2 report of the City Surveyor requesting approval for external works and refurbishment of the main entrance, common parts and various office floors at Candlewick House, 116-126 Cannon Street.

14. **POSSIBLE USE OF BARBICAN EXHIBITION HALL 2 - GATEWAY 1/2 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a Gateway 1/2 report of the Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls regarding a possible use of Exhibition Hall 2 at the Barbican Centre.

15. **ALDGATE HIGHWAY CHANGES AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS - ISSUE REPORT**

The Sub-Committee noted that this item had been considered in the public section of the agenda at the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee the previous day, and therefore agreed that it should be considered in public session at this meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered an issues report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Aldgate highway changes and public realm improvements. The report advised Members of two newly identified risks that could require an increase in the approved construction budget for the Aldgate project, namely an increase in the Pavilion costs and a need to replace filling materials at a number of pedestrian subway exits. Approval was sought for an increased construction budget, to a maximum value of £1m, subject to a review of the overall financial position of the project and the available sources of funding.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee:

- a) notes the following risk items and associated cost implications:
  - A potential £0.5m increase in construction costs of the Pavilion;
  - A further £0.5m which may be required to cover costs of removal of failed material associated with sealing and filling the pedestrian subway exits.
- b) notes that there will be further cost penalties incurred, should Kier be delayed in procuring the Pavilion construction.
- c) delegates authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) and the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committees respectively in authorise a project budget increase, up to a maximum of £1m. The Town Clerk would further review the impact on the project construction budget and agree funding proposals to address any shortfall.

16. **BARBICAN CENTRE - FROBISHER LEVEL 4 REFURBISHMENT - ISSUE REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved an issues report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre seeking approval for the payment of consultancy fees to reach the next Gateway of the Project.

17. **EMERGENCY SERVICES MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME - ISSUE REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved an issue report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police which requested an increase to the budget for the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme, to fund the extension of the duration of the Programme.

18. **WAIVER APPROVAL REQUEST - APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT FOR CULLUM WELCH HOUSE CONCRETE PANEL DESIGN**

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which requested approval of a waiver of the City of London Corporation's Procurement Regulations to allow the appointment of the architect for the Cullum Welch House Concrete Panel Design.

19. **ADDITIONAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL CAP LIST**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which provided information of works within the Additional Works Programme and Capital Cap which fell below the normal level of expenditure for routine examination by the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee agreed to delegate selection of works for further scrutiny to the Chairman.

20. **TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC REALM PROGRAMME: AMBER AND RED PROJECTS**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Director of Built Environment which provided an update on the red and amber projects within the Transportation and Public Realm programme.

21. **THE BARBICAN CAMPUS PROGRAMME: AMBER AND RED PROJECTS**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre which provided an update on the red and amber projects within the Barbican Campus programme.

22. **ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWN CLERK UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY PROCEDURES**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Town Clerk which provided information of action taken under delegated authority or urgency procedures since the last meeting.

23. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

**The meeting closed at 2.48 pm**

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Chairman

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