

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE
Monday, 18 June 2012**

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and
Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall on Monday, 18 June 2012 at
11.15 am.

Present

Members:

Jeremy Simons (Chairman)
Archie Galloway (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy John Barker
Martin Farr
Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Robert Hall
Brian Harris
Michael Hudson
Sylvia Moys
Deputy John Owen-Ward
Deputy Michael Welbank

Officers:

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Esther Sumner	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Paddon	- Chamberlain's Department
Paul Monaghan	- City Surveyor's Department
Steve Presland	- Director of Highways & Cleansing
Victor Callister	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	- Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	- City Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the following : -

“Marianne Fredericks declared a personal interest in respect of item 7.2 due to being a Member of the City of London School for Boys.”

MATTERS ARISING: -

The Times Cities for Cycling Campaign (Item 3): - Members were informed a resolution had been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee and would be considered at their meeting on 5 July 2012.

Millennium Bridge Area Environmental Enhancements (Item 7.2) – Members were informed that a further report in respect of the detailed design plan would be submitted to this Committee at its next meeting on 16 July 2012.

Road Safety (Item 9) – A report regarding road safety matters would be submitted to the Committee on 16 July 2012.

4. HOLBORN AREA ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Consideration was given to a Gateway 4, detailed options appraisal report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided a range of options to deliver an area enhancement scheme at Holborn Circus which was the worst personal injury accident hotspot in the City.

A number of options for the junction design had been developed in conjunction with TfL and the London Borough of Camden. No specific materials were presented to TfL as part of the design work however in discussion with TfL at their 'Design Review Panel', TfL specified that they would want this major junction to deliver a high specification public realm.

During discussion, reference was made to the importance of progressing the project as soon as possible; the inclusion of a time limitation for the financing of the project and any mitigating action in the Risk Register (page 45 of the report); the design detail of the project which Members were advised would form part of the Gateway 5 process and the application for Listed Building Consent. The Committee also indicated their support for SUDS.

Members questioned as to whether an application for Listed Building Consent could be approved by this Committee alone and the Town Clerk confirmed this was possible.

RESOLVED : - That,

- i) the major junction improvement works (Option 4) at an estimated total cost of £3,091,393 (including SUDS and contingency), be approved subject to further Member approval of the detailed design and authority to start work reports. This is also subject to the London Borough of Camden agreeing to fund the additional costs (£9,470) associated with granite setts in Hatton Garden, and any future maintenance costs;

Note: Should the London Borough of Camden not be able to fund the additional costs then Option 3 would be considered at Gateway 5 stage.

- iii) the progression of Option 4 to Detailed Design and Authority to Start Work Stages at a cost of £194,000 to be fully funded from within the £2.5m Transport for London Major Bid Grant be approved;
- iv) the overall prioritisation of this project and the Funding Strategy set out in the main report and Appendix A, Table 4, be approved subject to the further confirmation at detailed design stage; and
- iv) the submission of an application for Listed Building Consent be approved by the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee in order to relocate the Grade II listed Prince Albert Statue.
- v) time limitation for the financing of the project and any mitigating action be included in the Risk Register.

5. NEW LUDGATE (30 OLD BAILEY) S.278 AGREEMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which sought seek permission to sign an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 (S.278) with Land Securities, the developer of the site incorporating 30 Old Bailey and 60 Ludgate Hill (referred to as New Ludgate). The report also provided two options for the footway material to be used on Limeburner Lane.

Members noted that the recommended option (option 1) was strongly preferred by the developer because it was consistent with the retail usage of the new development and they had confirmed they were happy to provide the £147,100 maintenance cost as part of a commuted sum.

One Member requested consideration of more greenery around the development and the Assistant Director advised this was something the developer was keen to include and that this would form part of the detailed design stage.

One Member questioned how traffic would be managed as part of the project delivery onsite. It was confirmed that a rounded approach to traffic management would be undertaken.

RESOLVED: That,

- i) Option 1 be approved as the preferred option at an estimated cost of £737,600;
- ii) authority be delegated to execute an agreement under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 to the Director of the Department of the Built Environment and the Comptroller & City Solicitor; and
- iii) any necessary advertising of proposed changes to traffic management orders be approved which was a statutory consultation requirement.

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

One Member raised a question regarding the lamppost which was positioned in front of the St Lawrence Jewry Drinking Fountain on London Bridge. Members were informed that this would be moved, however this would require disconnection and reconnection by UKPN and would therefore be undertaken after the Olympics.

A Member expressed concern at the lack of maintenance of the Transport for London planter boxes on the approach to London Bridge. The Open Spaces Technical Manager advised that he would report the condition of the planters to Transport for London and report back to Members on the suggestion that the City should maintain these planters.

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

Olympic Torch relay – Members were informed that the route for Day 69 of the Olympic Torch Relay had been released and this would be made available to all Members of the Corporation, Corporation staff and also published on the Corporation's website.

Closure of Millennium Bridge – Members were alerted to a possible closure of Millennium Bridge for the installation of a piece of art work for a period of around 1 hour. Members noted the possible closure but requested that the closure be at a time which would cause the least amount of disruption to traffic/pedestrians.

Millennium Bridge Inclinators – Members were informed that additional signage would be put in place around this area.

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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2012 were considered.

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

There were none.

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

There was none.

The meeting ended at 12.20 pm.

Chairman

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