

Committee	Dated:
Planning & Transportation Committee, For Decision Streets & Walkways Sub Committee, For Information	26 July 2016 27 September 2016
Subject: Adoption of the City Public Realm Supplementary Planning Document	Public
Report of: Director of the Built Environment	For Decision

Summary

This report sets out the background and preparation process for the proposed adoption of the City Public Realm Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The purpose of the document is to provide a coordinated policy approach to the design and management of the public realm in the City.

The City Public Realm SPD will replace the existing Street Scene Manual (Part One and Two) which was produced as a guidance document in 2005.

The City Public Realm SPD will be used alongside the separate “City Public Realm Technical Manual”. This manual will include guidance on technical aspects of the public realm such as detailed specifications for paving and street furniture.

The draft City Public Realm SPD has been extensively consulted on with internal Departments prior to public consultation. In total 18 representations were received during the public consultation period (6 weeks March-April 2016). The comments received during the public consultation have been reviewed and taken into account where appropriate. Comments can be reviewed in Appendix 1.

Changes to the document are set out in full in the Statement of Adoption, attached at Appendix 2

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Approve the proposed amendments to the City Public Realm Supplementary Planning document set out in Appendix 2;
- Resolve to adopt the City Public Realm Supplementary Planning Document as amended (Appendix 3).

Main Report

Background

1. The City Public Realm SPD will replace the existing Street Scene Manual (Part One and Two) which was produced as a guidance document in 2005.
2. On 12 January 2016, the Planning and Transportation Committee approved the draft City Public Realm Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for public consultation. This consultation took place between 15 March and 22 April 2016.
3. Comments were received from 18 respondents, providing 99 individual comments. The City Public Realm Consultation Statement (Appendix 1) details the representations made and the City Corporation's proposed response to these comments.
4. Officers have also produced the "City Public Realm Technical Manual" which is separate to the SPD and contains detailed guidance on technical aspects of the public realm such as specifications for paving and street furniture. This will be made available on the City's website in summer 2016.

Current Position

5. The City Public Realm SPD has been amended to take account of the public consultation comments, where appropriate. The draft SPD, incorporating the amendments (Appendix 3) is now presented for adoption.
6. The proposed changes are set out in full in the Adoption Statement (Appendix 2), and in summary include :
 - Acknowledgments and links to Transport for London guidance
 - Adjustments to wording to improve accuracy, including adjustments to text on cycling and skateboarding
 - The addition of a glossary of key terms.
7. Where comments have not resulted in a change to the document, a reason has been provided in the consultation statement (Appendix 1). A Statement of Adoption is included at Appendix 2, a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report at Appendix 4 and an Equalities Impact Assessment Screening Report at Appendix 5.
8. Through the development of this SPD and during the public consultation period, there were no identifiable environmental or equalities impacts.
9. Members are requested to approve the proposed changes set out in Appendix 2 and adopt the amended City Public Realm SPD by resolution in accordance with statutory requirements.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

10. Corporate Plan 2015-19: The overall vision set out in the Plan is that the City Corporation will support, promote and enhance the City of London as the world leader in international finance and business services, and will maintain high

quality, accessible and responsive services benefiting its communities, London and the nation.

11. The draft SPD fully accords with the policy requirements in the Local Plan and is complementary to other SPDs adopted by the City Corporation. It has been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements.

Conclusion

12. The City Public Realm SPD provides guidance on the implementation of the City Corporation's adopted planning policies for the Public realm in the City. Members are asked to approve the proposed amendments to the SPD and adopt the amended document by resolution by virtue of s.23(5) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Consultation Statement (*copies are available on request and are also in the Members' reading room*)
- Appendix 2 – Statement of Adoption - ATTACHED
- Appendix 3 – City Public Realm Supplementary Planning Document (*copies are available on request and are also in the Members' reading room*)
- Appendix 4 - Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report (*copies are available on request and are also in the Members' reading room*)
- Appendix 5- Equalities Impact Assessment Screening Report (*copies are available on request and are also in the Members' reading room*)

Background Papers

- 1) Street Scene Manual Part I and II (2005).
- 2) The City Public Realm – draft Supplementary Planning Document – public consultation. Report to Planning & Transportation Committee, 12 January 2016.

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