

## PROJECTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

**Minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)	Jeremy Mayhew
Keith Bottomley	Graham Packham
Marianne Fredericks	Deputy John Tomlinson
Christopher Hayward	

#### **Officers:**

Peter Lisle	- 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
Christopher Bell	- Chamberlain's Department
Mona Lewis	- Chamberlain's Department
Peter Bennett	- City Surveyor
Brian Brierley	- City Surveyor's Department
Andrew Shorten	- City Surveyor's Department
Simon Glynn	- Department of the Built Environment
Paul Monaghan	- Department of the Built Environment
Steve Presland	- Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Jim Turner	- Barbican Centre
Paul Murtagh	- Community and Children's Services Department
Mike Saunders	- Community and Children's Services Department
David Pearson	- Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries
Tony Cairney	- City of London Police
Peter Digby	- City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Oliver Shaw	- City of London Police
Pauline Weaver	- City of London Police
Hannah Bibbins	- Guildhall School of Music and Drama

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Boleat, Deputy Roger Chadwick, Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Hugh Morris.

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

There were no declarations of interests.

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 are approved as an accurate record.

4. **GATEWAY APPROVAL PROCESS**

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

5. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH PONDS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Open Spaces and the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project Director which updated on progress, budget and the risk register for the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project. The report also sought approval to remove some aspects of the reinstatement works from the contract scope of works to allow this work to be undertaken by Hampstead Heath staff.

The Hampstead Heath Ponds Project Director advised the Sub-Committee that any deviation from the project budget, either positive or negative, would be shared equally between the Corporation and the contractor. The Chairman asked for clarification regarding when this risk sharing agreement had been approved by Members. The Hampstead Heath Ponds Project Director explained that this information could be provided to the Chairman following the meeting.

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

- a) Notes the report; and
- b) Approves the reallocation of £25,000 of landscaping costs to be carried out by the Open Spaces team.

6. **PUDDLE DOCK IMPROVEMENTS - GATEWAY 2 PROJECT PROPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which set out proposals to investigate a new pedestrian route between the pier at Puddle Dock and Queen Victoria Street. The report advised that this project would include working with TfL to deliver a pedestrian crossing across Upper Thames Street, Thames Tideway to provide pedestrian access to the new crossing, a footway along Puddle Dock and alterations to the Puddle Dock/Queen Victoria Street junction to accommodate the new footway as well as to improve road safety. The report advised that other measures may be necessary to achieve the required outcome and these would be identified at the next appropriate gateway.

The Chairman commented that it would be important to ensure that the pedestrian route from the site to the City was direct to ensure that it was an attractive entry point to the City.

**RESOLVED** – That the Project proceeds to the next Gateway on the Regular route.

7. **MITRE SQUARE (PHASE 2) - GATEWAY 4 OPTIONS APPRAISAL AND GATEWAY 5 AUTHORITY TO START WORK**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which presented the proposed design for Phase 2 of the Mitre Square project. This would provide an enhanced public space in Mitre Square, additional seating and improved lighting, while retaining vehicle access to the Sir John Cass Foundation Primary School.

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

- a) approves the design for Phase 2, as shown in appendix 2 of the report; and
- b) approves the implementation budget for Phase 2 of the works to Mitre Square (£728,998), as set out in section 5 and appendix 3 of this report, fully funded from the Section 106 agreement.

8. **HOLBORN CIRCUS AREA ENHANCEMENT - GATEWAY 7 OUTCOME REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided the outcomes of the Holborn Circus Area Enhancement Project.

Members commented that this had been an excellent project and complimented the risk sharing, information provision, engagement work and accident reduction delivered.

**RESOLVED** – That the final cost of the project and lessons learnt are noted and the project closed.

9. **CONCRETE REPAIRS TO CULLUM WELCH HOUSE - ISSUE REPORT (GATEWAY 3)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which set out proposals regarding the remedial works to repair externally exposed concrete works at Golden Lane and Middlesex Street estates. The report advised that it was proposed to run the element of the repair works at Cullum Welch House as a stand-alone project due to the complexity of the works required. The report also advised that further investigative works were proposed to be conducted to determine the most appropriate way forward for the project.

The Chairman commented that he was concerned of the increase in costs for work and fees and requested that further explanation be provided regarding these increases. He suggested that a further report providing this explanation should be provided to the Sub-Committee's next meeting. If a decision was required during the Summer recess, he suggested that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to consider the report.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee requests that a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committees next meeting to provide a full explanation regarding the increase in work and fee costs. Should a decision be required during the Summer recess, delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to consider the report.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

12. **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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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13-25	3

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Sub-Committee approved the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 as an accurate record.

14. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH PONDS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT - NON-PUBLIC APPENDICES**

The Sub-Committee noted the non-public appendices to the joint report of the Director of Open Spaces and the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project Director, which had been considered earlier in the meeting.

15. **POULTRY MARKET - MAJOR REPAIRS PROJECT - ISSUE REPORT (GATEWAY 3)**

The Sub-Committee considered and delegated authority to the Town Clerk to approve a report of the City Surveyor which requested approval for funding for further surveys as part of the Poultry Market major repairs project.

16. **EMERGENCY SERVICES MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME (ESMCP) - ISSUE REPORT (GATEWAY 2)**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police which sought approval for spend in a number of areas in relation to the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme project.

17. **CUSTODY, CASE FILE, CRIME AND INTELLIGENCE (CCCI) PROJECT - GATEWAY 5 AUTHORITY TO START WORK**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police which sought authority to commence work on the Custody, Case File, Crime and Intelligence Project.

18. **181 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET - REFURBISHMENT OF BRIDGE HOUSE AND ADJOINING CAR PARK - ISSUES REPORT (GATEWAY 5)**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor which requested additional funding for the project at 181 Queen Victoria Street for the refurbishment of Bridge House and the adjoining car park.

19. **TRANSFORMATION OF SHOE LANE LIBRARY - ISSUE REPORT (GATEWAY 2)**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries which requested approval to close down the Transformation of Shoe Lane Library project.

20. **CONCERT HALL RIGGING SYSTEM - GATEWAY 7 OUTCOME REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Managing Director, Barbican Centre which advised of the outcomes of the Concert Hall Rigging System project.

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

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre which summarised all the current building related works and projects across the Barbican and Guildhall School.

22. **HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC REALM PROGRAMME: GREEN, AMBER AND RED PROJECTS**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided updated information regarding the current programme of Highways and Public Realm projects.

The Chairman provided Members with an update regarding the Aldgate Gyratory Project.

23. **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.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Town Clerk advised that there were five items of urgent business.

**a) Renewal general electrical and dimmer installation Silk Street Theatre**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama which sought delegated authority for a decision to be taken during the Summer recess regarding the renewal of general electrics and dimmer installation of Silk Street Theatre.

**b) City of London School for Girls, Refurbishment Project, Phase 1 - Amendment to Project Costs**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of Headteacher of the City of London School for Girls which requested approval for additional funding for the City of London School for Girls' Summer Works Programme.

**c) City of London Freeman's School Swimming Pool - Approval - Gateway 5 Authority to Start Work**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor which sought approval to commence work on the City of London Freeman's School Swimming Pool project.

**d) New lease of 21 New Street for the City of London Police and collaboration agreement for redevelopment**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a joint report of the Chamberlain, the Commissioner of the City of London Police and the City Surveyor which sought approval for the terms of a new lease of 21 New Street for the City of London Police and a collaboration agreement for redevelopment.

**e) Guildhall West Wing North Staircase Window Repairs**

The Sub-Committee considered a verbal report from the City Surveyor regarding proposals for the repair of the Guildhall West Wing (North End) Staircase windows. The Sub-Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to consider the matter.

**The meeting closed at 11.55 am**

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Chairman

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