

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

By virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. SKATEBOARDING - ST. PAUL'S CHURCHYARD

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment updating on the findings of the trial to provide furniture in St Paul's Churchyard with aim of reducing opportunities for skateboarding, and presenting a number of permanent options available.

During the trial four items were installed in the area, including planters, a platform/ table, a plinth, and an alcove. All of the designs combined two features: new and interactive additions to the area for visitors to use; and a reduction in the opportunities for skateboarding. The designs were unique, made specifically for their context; being an example of the City Corporation leading the way on this issue.

The Sub-Committee was advised that feedback had been very positive, and user surveys were undertaken to evaluate their impact, with a high proportion of the 166 users surveyed stating that they would like to see them installed permanently.

Members welcomed the report and suggested that thought be given to extending into the area surrounding the seating area which was also used by skateboarders.

RESOLVED – To

- a) Approve Option 1, the installation of permanent street furniture in the Diamond Jubilee Garden and Festival Garden; as detailed in section 3 of this report;
- b) Authorise funding of £60,000 for fees and staff costs to complete the work; and
- c) Authorise Officers to obtain any approvals (e.g. planning permission) that may be necessary to install the new furniture.

11. FINSBURY CIRCUS REINSTATEMENT

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Director of Open Spaces which proposed a Project for the reinstatement of Finsbury Circus following the completion of the Crossrail works.

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

There were no non-public questions

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

There were no non-public items of urgent business

The meeting ended at 12.40 pm

Chairman

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