

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Oliver Sells QC (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Emma Edhem

Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio
Member)
Paul Martinelli

Officers:

Karen McHugh	-	Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Paul Monaghan	-	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	-	Department of the Built Environment
Alan Rickwood	-	City of London Police
Mark Lowman	-	City Surveyor's Department
Sam Lee	-	Built Environment
Julie Smith	-	Chamberlain's Department
Simon Glynn	-	Department of the Built Environment
Leah Coburn	-	Department of the Built Environment

The Chief Commoner, Wendy Mead, was also in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Deputy Claire James and Jeremy Simons.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017 be agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

6a) Tudor Street/New Bridge Street

Officers further advised that it might be possible to ask TfL to reconsider the need for two bus stops.

6d) Temple Area Traffic Review

In response to a suggestion by a Member that Middle Temple Lane, currently used as a rat-run, be included in the review, officers agreed that traffic entering and leaving the lane could be monitored.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be noted and updated as appropriate.

Two Way Cycling in Seething Lane/Muscovy Street

A member expressed concern that although officers had now written to residents again, the letter did not say why they were being written to which was because they had been omitted from the original consultation.

Bollards/Bakers Hall Court

Officers advised that the issue of vehicles mounting the pavement was due to the fact that the occupiers were using big vehicles and so they had been written too and asked to use smaller ones.

A member stated that that action needed to be taken quickly and that consideration should be given to the addition of skinny bollards.

5. **REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-**

a) **Tudor Street**

Officers reported that at its meeting on 12 October the Court of Common Council had given approval for officers to continue to work with TfL and representatives of the Temples to establish the viability of the new layout and to investigate possible funding options for the scheme.

In response to a question concerning the need for two bus stops which had been discussed at the last meeting, officers advised that dialogue with TfL had started and an update would be provided when available.

b) **2-6 Cannon Street Public Realm**

Members considered a Gateway 5 Issues Report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding 2-6 Cannon Street Public Realm Offsite Works.

RESOLVED - that Members Authorise an increase to the current project budget of £95,000, to be fully funded from the Section S106 agreement.

c) **Greening Cheapside: St. Paul's Tube Station Area and St. Peter Westcheap Churchyard Improvements**

Members received a Gateway 3 report concerning the Greening Cheapside project, previously identified as a high priority in the Cheapside and Guildhall Area Enhancement Strategy (adopted by the City in 2015) with the objective of enhancing greening and re-landscaping in the area.

RESOLVED – To approve

- 1) Progression of option 2 and 3 for St. Paul's tube station area to Gateway 4 and 5 (detailed design and implementation) under the 'regular' Gateway process.
- 2) Progression of option 1 for St. Peter's Westcheap churchyard to Gateway 4 and 5 (detailed design and implementation) under the 'regular' Gateway process
- 3) The funding to develop the preferred options for each site to Gateway 4 and 5, at a total cost of £109,000 to be fully funded by the Cheapside Business Allowance (£100,000), underspend from the project (£7,500) and s106 monies from 100 Cheapside (£1,500).

d) **Shoe Lane Quarter Public Realm Enhancements - Phase 2**

Members received a Gateway 5 report concerning the Shoe Lane Quarter Public Realm Enhancements.

RESOLVED - To

- 1) Approve the implementation of the public realm, highway and security works with an estimated total cost of £7.6 million as shown in Table 1;
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of the Built Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain to make any adjustments between elements of the £7.6 million budget; and
- 3) Approve the traffic management proposals on Shoe Lane (north) and proceed to advertising of the traffic orders

e) **Lime Street and Cullum Street Area**

Members received a Gateway 6 report concerning the Lime Street and Cullum Street area project.

RESOLVED – To

- 1) Approve the revised design for Lime Street as shown in Appendix 1;
 - 2) Approve authority to start work following completion of the construction information at a total project cost of £526,331 as set out in appendix 2.
 - 3) Approve the revised total project sum of £824,929 (inclusive of Lime Street area project, Lime Street Traffic Management Experiment and Cullum Street);
 - 4) Approve the additional funding required of £248,323 and that it be met from the underspend of the completed Cullum Street (£63,926) and Lime Street Traffic Experiment (£3,532) projects and £180,865 from the Section 106 contribution connected to 20 Fenchurch Street (specific in purpose and geography).
- f) **City Public Realm Projects Consolidated Outcome Report**

Members received a consolidated outcome report for a number of projects which had delivered enhancements across the City public realm.

In response to a question concerning assurance that the lessons learnt were implemented and not lost, officers advised that this was done by way of review meetings.

A member also raised the issue of bollards and tree planting and asked that developers be encouraged to take a softer approach to the use of these so that did not appear to designate separate areas.

RESOLVED – that the outcome information be received and recommendations on individual reports approved

g) **North - South Cycle Superhighway Phase 2**

Members received a report updating on the outcomes of the work being undertaken with TfL in relation to the North-South Cycle Superhighway Phase 2.

Members were advised of a number of significant improvements that officers had secured, however TfL had not agreed to a timed suspension of the proposed left turn ban into West Smithfield.

Officers recommended supporting TfL's proposals even though these would cause some inconvenience for those wishing to access the market. This was due in part to the evidence provided by TfL of the current relatively low demand for the left turn into West Smithfield, in part by the traffic delay that introducing a timed suspension would cause but primarily having regard to the increased road danger it was believed would result from a timed suspension of the ban.

A member expressed concern that the risk of contraventions of the left turn ban throughout the day would introduce a risk for cyclists, and the fact that there would be no further attempts at mitigating this.

RESOLVED – To

- 1) Accept and support TfL's proposal and approve its concept design as shown in Appendix 1,
- 2) Agree that officers continue to work with TfL to facilitate the delivery of the proposals using the powers and authority available to the City Corporation

Following approval of the recommendations Marianne Fredericks advised that she wished to be recorded as having abstained from the vote.

h) **Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Enhancement**

Members received an update on progress relating to the Aldgate highway changes and public realm enhancement.

RESOLVED – To note

- 1) That a further £2.8M of the original £10M On Street Parking Reserve (OSPR) fund allocation can be returned leaving £3.7M of OSPR underwriting the project; and
- 2) The potential funding gap that may need to be met from the existing underwriting allocation, from the OSPR fund.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

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 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**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

10. **SECURITY PROGRAMME**

Members received a Gateway 1&2 project proposal on a programme of protective security measures.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

12. **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 items of urgent business.

The meeting closed 11.00pm

Chairman

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