

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

**Tuesday, 27 February 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am**

**Present**

**Members:**

Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Oliver Sells QC (Deputy Chairman)	Paul Martinelli
Randall Anderson	Deputy Alastair Moss
Emma Edhem	Graham Packham
Marianne Fredericks	Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio Member)

**Officers:**

Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department
Jennifer Ogunleye	-	Town Clerk's Department
Simon Glynn	-	Department of the Built Environment
Steve Presland	-	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	-	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Leah Coburn	-	Department of the Built Environment
Rory McMullan	-	Department of the Built Environment
Alan Rickwood	-	City of London Police
Mark Lowman	-	City Surveyor's Department
Paul Monaghan	-	City Surveyor's Department

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Clare James and Alderman Gregory Jones.

**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 public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 23 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**Matters Arising**

In response to a question concerning whether or not the Nocturne event would be going ahead, officers advised that no date had been set yet.

Officers advised that the Gateway 4 report for 60-70 St Mary Axe had now been approved by the Projects Sub-Committee under delegated authority.

4. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

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

**Matters Arising**

London Wall Place

In response to a question concerning why the project was currently delayed, officers advised that the temporary lighting initially put in place had failed and it would take two weeks to install the permanent supply.

Yellow Bikes

In response to a suggestion that a Pan-London approach be sought to address the problem of bikes being dumped, officers advised that this was something currently being brokered by TfL and would be covered in the full report to the Sub-Committee in May,

A Members commented that the issue of obstructions on the highway needed to be re-visited although the bikes needed addressing first.

5. **BANK JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report updating on the Bank Junction Improvements Project and advising that this could only be progressed following analysis of the Bank on Safety consultation and monitoring results, and after the final Committee decision on the experimental scheme expected in Summer 2018.

Officers were seeking to formally postpone the development of the long-term scheme at Bank, save for any pertinent data collection, until after the decision was made on the experimental scheme.

Members raised a number of questions concerning what would happen once the pilot ended, whether the possibility of allowing taxi access was being explored and whether or not the current emergency gas works would affect the pilot.

In response to a question from a member seeking assurance that officers were not pushing back on the project, the Sub-Committee was advised that that officers were seeking to align the two projects, not push back.

RESOLVED - To

- 1) Approve the request to postpone activity on the Bank Junction Improvements Project until Autumn 2018; and
- 2) Acknowledge the 18-month delay to the delivery of the Bank Junction Improvements Project. Note that this delay will not impact on the ability to deliver physical change at Bank before additional capacity works are completed at Bank Underground Station.

6. **LONDON WALL PLACE - S278 HIGHWAY WORK AND ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES**

The Sub-Committee considered a Gateway 6 report concerning S278 highway work and additional security measures at London Wall Place.

Members were advised that the design work for the additional security bollards to protect pedestrians had been undertaken and an arrangement for City bollards had been designed which required no utility diversions. T

Members noted that although the developer had agreed to meet the costs of the bollards, which were estimated at £85k, sufficient funds were available within the existing highway works budget to meet this cost without requesting further funds from the developer.

RESOLVED – To approve the implementation of the additional security measures on the public highway outside 1 London Wall Place.

7. **ROAD DANGER REDUCTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN 2018-2023**

The Sub-Committee received the Road Danger Reduction and Active Travel Plan 2018-2023.

The Sub-Committee noted that measures adopted over the last five years for road danger reduction had been successful in delivering an improvement in the casualty rate in the City. However absolute casualty numbers had remained constant due to the rise in the number vulnerable road users. More significant reductions in KSI numbers would require the adoption of new and more radical measures that prioritised active travel and supported Healthy Streets.

Members expressed concern at the statistics and suggested that plans to address this needed to be more ambitious to achieve absolute reductions.

Members recognised that behaviour change was the biggest challenge and stressed the need for active engagement with the community and stakeholders, enforcement, safer freight and trials of temporary closures at high pedestrian routes and times.

Members considered that the Corporation also needed to work more closely with TfL to bring about these changes as many of the danger spots were under its jurisdiction.

RESOLVED – To

- 1) Endorse the Road Danger Reduction and Active Travel Plan 2018 - 2023 for public consultation.
- 2) Approve the 2018/19 Work Programme.

## 8. HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE CODE OF PRACTICE

The Sub-Committee received a report concerning the future adoption of the Government's new Code of Practice for Well Managed Highway Infrastructure and the implementation of an Action Plan for doing so.

Members noted that the biggest issue would be establishing a sustainable funding strategy for highway maintenance that would allow the CoL's road and footway quality to meet its expectations.

RESOLVED - To note the report, including the Action Plan to be implemented as the key step towards adopting the new Code of Practice later this year.

## 9. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY PROCEDURES

The Committee noted the following action taken under the urgency procedures, Standing Order No. 41(a), as follows:-

### **Beech Street Event for Culture Mile (Standing Order 41(a))**

In respect of the Members' reservations, the Barbican proposed a revised schedule for the project to comply with a reduced period of closure. This was based on the following principles:

- **That there will be pedestrian access through the tunnel for the duration of the build and de-rig of the necessary equipment**
- **That Barbican residents will have pedestrian access through the tunnel for the entire period**
- **That Barbican residents will have access to their cars and car parks for the entire period**
- **The access for emergency vehicles will be maintained for the entire period**

The revised proposal reduced the set-up time in the tunnel by 24 hours and reduced the duration of the road closure requirement by 24hrs, maintained performances on both Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March and allowed the tunnel to open 2 hours earlier than previously anticipated.

## 10. TUDOR STREET

Officers advised that the final report on a workable scheme from TfL was expected late March, with a report back to the Sub-Committee in May 2018.

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

**London Bridge Closure**

In response to a question concerning what impact the closure was having on traffic so far, officers advised that traffic had been mostly free moving although this varied at busy times.

All diversion routes were supposed to be kept clear and officers were working with TfL to try and ensure this. The current bad weather was also having an impact.

A Member asked if any support had been received from the COL Police and officers advised that support was currently adequate although resource dependent.

Officers further advised that following recent discussions on the various gas leaks in the City, Cadent Gas were to be invited to a future meeting.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**13. 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.

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

There were no non-public items of urgent business.

**15. 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 closed at 12.30 pm**

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Chairman

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