

**STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)  
COMMITTEE  
Monday, 16 July 2012**

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 16 July 2012 at 11.30 am.

**Present**

**Members:**

Jeremy Simons (Chairman)  
Archie Galloway (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy John Barker  
Martin Farr  
Marianne Fredericks  
Alderman Alison Gowman  
Alderman Robert Hall  
Sylvia Moys  
Deputy John Owen-Ward  
Deputy Michael Welbank

**Officers:**

Katie Odling	- Town Clerk's Department
Esther Sumner	- Policy Officer, Town Clerk's Department
Mark Paddon	- Chamberlain's Department
Philip Everett	- Director of the Built Environment
Rob Oakley	- Department of the Built Environment
Paul Monaghan	- Assistant Director Engineering, City Surveyor's Department
Victor Callister	- Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	- Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	- City Police

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Brian Harris and Michael Hudson.

**2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2012, were confirmed as a correct record subject to an amendment to Item 6: - St Lawrence Jewry Fountain on **Canon Street**, not London Bridge.

**MATTERS ARISING: -**

**The Times Cities for Cycling Campaign (Item 3)** – The following resolution from the Policy and Resources Committee in response to a resolution from this Committee was circulated at the meeting and was noted by Members.

*“The Committee considered a resolution of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee, together with a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Times Cities Fit for Cycling Campaign.*

*Discussion ensued on the merits of the City Corporation adopting the Campaign. Members noted that a number of projects were already being developed to address safety at the City’s busy junctions and were therefore of the view that there was no need to adopt the Campaign.*

*RESOLVED – That the resolution and the content of the report be noted and that as a number of projects were already being developed to address safety at the City’s busy junctions no further action be taken.”*

The Deputy Chairman advised that he would report back to the next meeting of the London Council’s on the matter.

**Millennium Bridge Area Enhancements (Item 3)** – A resolution from the Board of Governors of the City of London School was tabled at the meeting as follows : -

*“Millennium Bridge Area Enhancements Project (page 6) – A Governor, who was also a member of the City’s Streets and Walkways Sub Committee, reported that this Project had been approved by the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee and was then sent on to the Projects Sub Committee for endorsement. The Governor went on to report that the Projects Sub Committee had, unfortunately, referred the report back to the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee as they had not been convinced that the proposals submitted would make a significant improvement to the area as intended. The Governor reminded the Board of the importance and urgency of this matter to the School and suggested that representations should be made to both the Streets and Walkways and the Projects Sub Committees underlining this.*

*Another Governor went on to express concerns around the remit of the City’s Projects Sub Committee stating that it had been established to look at value for money in such projects and not to comment on the aesthetics or any operational issues. He added that, whilst this Board was not responsible for this project it was significantly impacted by it and it was felt that the Policy and Resources Committee (the ‘parent’ Committee of the Projects Sub Committee) should be made aware of its ‘mission drift’ and the impact this was having on projects such as these.*

*A Governor commented that the funding for the project was Section 106 money specifically 'earmarked' for these improvements.*

*Another Governor reiterated that the upper part of this area, nearest St. Paul's Cathedral, had been the cause of many accidents and was in need of improvement.*

*A Governor commented that the Projects Sub Committee appeared to dispute the fact that the area was utilised sufficiently to warrant the amount to be spent here. The Board strongly disputed this point stating that the area was of enormous importance not only to the School, its staff and its pupils but also to the hundreds of thousands of visitors and tourists who passed through here annually.*

*The Board asked that representations be made to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee and the Projects Sub Committee on this matter asking that the decision to refer the plans back thus further delaying the works be reconsidered and the importance of timing and the need to complete the majority of the works during the School holiday period be underlined."*

Members were keen to progress the project as soon as possible with minimal disruption to the school especially during the exam periods. Members were informed that most of the construction work was on target to begin at the start of the 2014 summer break. Furthermore, a £20k grant had been received from Marathon Trust to use for sport related activity in the City. A report containing further details would be presented to the Committee in September 2012.

**Reporting projects** – Reference was made to the policy for reporting on projects and the Chairman advised that a more detailed discussion around this would be raised under item 9.

***New Ludgate (30 Old Bailey) S.178 Agreement (Item 5)***- Members were informed that this report was being considered by the Projects Sub Committee on 17 July 2012, and related to the opening up of a pre-payment from the developer regarding landscaping and releasing of funding for evaluation work of the proposed crossing at Ave Maria Lane to be undertaken. Members noted that subject to this report being approved by the Projects Sub Committee, Gateway 3 & 4 would be brought to this Committee.

***London Bridge Planter Boxes (item 6)*** – Members were informed that the design and quality of the planters would be taken up with TfL after the Olympic period.

#### **4. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY PROCEDURES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk which provided details of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41 (a) and 41 (b).

**RECEIVED.**

**5. EASTERN CITY CLUSTER - GREAT ST HELENS SCULPTURE SPACE - YEAR 3**

Consideration was given to a progress report of the Director of the Built Environment in respect of Eastern City Cluster – Great St Helen's: Sculpture Space Years 3 & 4.

The Assistant Director (Environmental Enhancement) provided a brief presentation to the Committee.

The Chairman commended Officers on the detailed report and the Committee acknowledged the quality of the artwork exhibited, the excellent educational benefits and community outreach the project provides and the reputational benefits the sculpture space brings to the City.

**RESOLVED** : - That,

- i) the report be noted; and
- ii) use of £100,000 of the £800,000 earmarked for the Eastern City Cluster Phase 3 evaluation and works, by the City, from the Pinnacle Section 106 agreement for a capped contribution up to a maximum of £50,000, per annum in Years 3 & 4.

**6. ALDERSGATE STREET / BEECH STREET JUNCTION REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided an update on the outcome following the recently implemented junction improvements. It was noted that the results of post-implementation monitoring and feedback indicated that the trial had been successful.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the installation of the traffic light timers and their benefits. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the Road Safety Audit report to Members.

Members also agreed that a review of the junction should be undertaken in 12 months.

**RESOLVED** : - That

- i) the changes to the junction at Aldersgate Street/Beech Street be retained; and
- ii) a review of the junction be undertaken in 12 months.

**7. ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES IN THE CITY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided an update on casualty statistics in the City. The report set out the latest figures up to the end of 2011.

The Assistant Director referred Members specifically to page 37 of the report which identified specific areas within the City where casualties had occurred involving Pedal Cycles and Pedestrians. Members noted that some areas

attracted more casualties than others and that this was an issue with the operation of the streets/junctions.

During discussion, reference was made to the usage of the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme and the need to promote safer cycling through campaigns with London Council's; the general need to put more resources in to campaigns to promote safer cycling in the City; the importance of the Road Safety Plan and working with Transport for London (TfL) to improve Cannon Street Junction/King William Street Junction. It was agreed that further data analysis work was required with Transport for London.

One Member noted that in comparison to other London Boroughs, the City of London Corporation was performing at a lower level and it was hoped that the Road Safety Plan would assist in ensuring the number of casualties was reduced in future. Specific details from the LIP report were also requested and also the plans for reducing speed limits at Bank, Liverpool Street and Moorgate etc. The Assistant Director advised that some of the different types of categories of casualties were included in the LIP report and the Director was keen to bring this forward.

Reference was also made to causalities that occurred through the use of mobile phones.

The Chairman then invited Mr Reilly (a member of the public who had submitted the report attached with the Agenda on road casualties in the City) to make representations to the Committee who stated that unless the number of casualties was not reduced the Corporation was unlikely to meet its LIP target

The Director concluded the debate by stating that a joined up approach with the Police was paramount and regular monthly meetings had been set up to discuss issues. Prior to action being taken, specific causes needed to be identified and the Corporation was looking at various methods of reducing the number of casualties that occurred in the City.

The Committee commended Officers for a comprehensive report and Mr Reilly for his contributions.

**RESOLVED** : - That

- i) the report be noted and the further programme of work identified in paragraph 51 be approved; and
- ii) the 'Road Danger Reduction Plan' be brought to this Committee in October 2012.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of urgent business relative to the Project Approval Procedure.

Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that the following motion be put to the Planning and Transportation Committee at their meeting on 24 July 2012: -

“That consideration be given to ask the Policy and Resources Committee to alter the Project Approval Procedures as part of the post implementation Governance Review to allow Gateway 2 reports to be submitted to Spending Committees.”

10. **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 of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

11. **QUESTIONS ON NON-PUBLIC 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 was one item of urgent non-public business relative to the Olympics.

**The meeting ended at 1.05 pm**

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Chairman

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