

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

Thursday, 29 April 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and
Transportation) Committee held at Virtual Public Meeting (Accessible Remotely) on
Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Graham Packham (Chairman)
Shravan Joshi (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Peter Bennett
Marianne Fredericks
Sheriff Christopher Hayward
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Oliver Sells QC
Christopher Hill (Ex-Officio Member)
Paul Martinelli (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Barbara Newman (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Olumayowa Obisesan	-	
Leah Coburn	-	
Shani Annand-Baron	-	
Melanie Charalambous	-	
Simon Glynn	-	Department of the Built Environment
Maria Herrera	-	
Nina Houghton	-	
Janet Laban	-	Department of the Built Environment
Giles Radford	-	Department of the Built Environment
Samantha Tharme	-	

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**
5. **MINUTES**

6. PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY PROGRAMME

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment A three-year programme implementing pedestrian priority and pavement widening schemes across the Square Mile to enhance the comfort and safety of people walking. The Chairman introduced the item, commenting that this was an important project which would hopefully lead to an evidence-based approach and avoid some of the problems reported in other London boroughs.

In response to questions from Members, the Director of the Built Environment advised that further assessment on interventions and network management would be undertaken, as well as traffic modelling to explore the interaction of the proposals with other schemes. It was further advised that the public consultation on All Change at Bank would be taken into account in progressing the scheme. The Director of the Built Environment then gave the Sub Committee further detail on the Air Quality data used and advised that more recent data would be included in the Year 2 proposals. Members suggested that a timetable capturing all the planned works be produced for ease of reference and to aid monitoring.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of the Built Environment that all temporary measures could be reviewed and designs of existing and proposed measures would be looked at in greater detail. A Member commented that some schemes may be adversely impacted by the return of footfall and traffic to the City and stressed that flexibility should be maintained. The Director of the Built Environment responded that further assessment and stakeholder engagement would be undertaken and confirmed that any measures could be modified, retained or rolled back as necessary.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Agree that a budget of **£199,000** is approved to reach the next Gateway for Year 1 interventions;
2. Note the total estimated cost of the programme at **£6 - £8 million** (excluding risk);
3. Note the total estimated cost of Year 1 of the programme at £2.5 - £3.2million;
4. Note the methodology set out in paragraphs 12.1 below to prioritise City streets for improvements;
5. Approve the streets to be included in Year 1 of the programme, set out in paragraph 5.7;
6. Approve the Programme reporting plan;
7. For Year 1 only, approve the submission of combined Gateway 3/4 reports as the next gateway (for the reasons set out in paragraph 5.9);

8. For Year 1 only, authorise the Director of Built Environment, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub, to approve the Gateway 5 report (for the reasons set out in paragraph 5.9; and
9. That delegated authority is given to the Director of the Built Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to make any adjustments between elements of the project budget.

7. **CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY - COOL STREETS AND GREENING PROGRAMME**

8. **CITY CLUSTER AREA - PROGRAMME UPDATE**

9. **CITY CLUSTER AREA - WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (2021-2024)**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the City Cluster Wellbeing and Climate Change Resilience Programme. In response to questions from Members, the Director of the Built Environment gave the Sub Committee further detail on the funding strategy, which was subject to funding being secured. Members advised that the programme be co-ordinated with the culture-related Committees and it be ensured that there would be sufficient space accounting for increased numbers of tables and chairs outside.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Note the estimated implementation budget is a minimum of £1.447m based on current estimates for the projects outlined in this report;
2. Note that the estimated implementation budget will be further increased by external sponsorship with the exact amount to be confirmed at Gateway 5;
3. Agree that the 7 projects listed in the Options Appraisal table are approved to be taken forward to Gateway 5, at which point individual project reports will be submitted for approval, in line with the project procedure;
4. That £90,000 from the Pinnacle and Mitre Square Section 106 agreements is approved for the programme budget to continue the development of the 7 projects to Gateway 5;
5. Note that further projects listed in Appendix 1, may be developed in future years, subject to funding being confirmed; and
6. That within the overall programme budget, funds can be moved between the 7 individual projects and between staff costs, fees and works to maintain pace of delivery and maximum efficiency of the process.

10. CITY CLUSTER AREA - ACTIVATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the City Cluster Activation and Engagement Programme.

A Member expressed their disappointment that only one option had been presented and asked that future reporting at least provided some information as to why alternative options had been discounted. The Member also sought assurances regarding funding for the project, much of which was currently unsecured. Members also stressed the importance of close contact with local stakeholders and suggested developing a map promoting the secret gardens and pocket parks in the area and the wider City which were relatively unknown.

The Director of the Built Environment then gave the Sub Committee some further detail on the programme approach and of engagement with stakeholders so far. Whilst the project funding was complicated, there were section 106 funds which could be used for the project if needed as contingency. In response to a question from a Member about Jubilee Place, the Director of the Built Environment advised that officers had discussed the wall and railings with the Open Spaces Department. Whilst there had been issues with anti-social behaviour, a barrier with a more open design and more entry points had been proposed.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Note an increase in the estimated programme budget specifically to address City recovery “Vibrant Offer” recommendations. The programme cost range is estimated to be £200-£300k, for the delivery of the programme on an annual basis, initially over 3 years;
2. Note that the overall programme budget will be substantially funded by external sponsorship. The exact budget is subject to the level of external funding which is to be confirmed at the next Gateway;
3. Agree that planning for large and medium scale activation programmes (Option 1 and 2) be continued, with detailed options to be presented at Gateway 4-5; and
4. That a budget of £68,000 (£20k staff costs and £48k fees) from the Section 106 Agreement from the Pinnacle is approved to reach the next Gateway and to deliver events to support City’s Recovery in summer 2021.

11. CITY OF LONDON TRANSPORT STRATEGY - REVIEW 2022

12. BLOOMBERG DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY WORKS

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Bloomberg Development Highways project. The Chairman introduced the item and praised the quality of the project and its outcomes.

Members noted the unique approach to street lighting where the building sensitively lights the public highway and commented that this had been a successful and innovative approach which had mutually beneficial outcomes for developer and authority. The Director of the Built Environment confirmed that further opportunities to undertake this approach to street lighting would be pursued where appropriate and that updated guidance for lighting was under development.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Note the content of this report;
2. Agree to close the Bloomberg Development Highways project;
3. Authorise the Chamberlain's department to return unspent S278 funds to the developer, subject to verification of the final accounts; and
4. Authorise the Chamberlain's department to return the Section 106, CIL and City's Cash balances to their respective accounts/codes.

13. **CONSOLIDATED REPORT - SHOE LANE QUARTER PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENTS - PHASES 1 AND 2**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding Phases 1 and 2 of the Shoe Lane Quarter Public Realm Enhancements project. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that this had been a good project with positive, high-quality outcomes. The Chairman added that the project represented a good example of greening HVM measures as an alternative to bollards. A Member noted the lessons learned set out in the report and advised that care should be taken to avoid similar issues arising on future projects.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee:

1. Note the content of this outcome report;
2. Authorise the Chamberlain's department to return unspent section 106 and 278 funds to the developers as set out in the respective legal agreements, after any required maintenance sums are accounted for and subject to the verification of the final accounts;
3. Should it be request by the client, authorise the transfer of any unspent funds, following verification of the final accounts, to a separate project where the financial commitment resides with the same client; and
4. Agree to close the Shoe Lane Quarter Public Realm Enhancements – Phases 1 and 2 projects.

14. **HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE TERM CONTRACT TENDER**

15. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

16. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
MUSEUM OF LONDON GYRATORY PROJECT

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Museum of London Gyratory project. A Member requested that regular consultation with Aldersgate Ward Members and the Barbican Centre be undertaken as the project progressed.

RESOLVED – That the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee agree:

1. A restart of the project that remains wholly within currently agreed budget resources to ensure a coordinated highway and public realm design approach with the emerging Section 278 proposals at 81 Newgate Street and Bastion House;
2. A change of project name to “St. Paul’s Gyratory Project”; and
3. The revised budget detailed in Appendix 2.

18. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

19. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12.34 pm

Chairman

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