

PROJECTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 16 March 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Keith Bottomley (Chairman)	Andrew McMurtrie
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Randall Anderson	

Officers:

Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department
Rohit Paul	- Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Baker	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Deputy Chamberlain
Nicholas Richmond-Smith	- Chamberlain's Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department
Simon Causer	- City Surveyor's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Carolyn Dwyer	- Director of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	- Department of the Built Environment
Paul Monaghan	- Department of the Built Environment
Leah Coburn	- Department of the Built Environment
Melanie Charalambous	- Department of the Built Environment
Paul Murtagh	- Department of Community and Children's Services
Sarah Greenwood	- Department of Community and Children's Services
Carol Boswarthack	- Department of Community and Children's Services
Cecilie Booth	- City of London Police
Pete Digby	- City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rehana Ameer, Sheriff Chris Hayward, Karina Dostalova, Deputy Edward Lord and Deputy Philip Woodhouse.

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

There were no declarations.

3. GATEWAY APPROVAL PROCESS

RESOLVED, that the Gateway Approval Process be received.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

5. **PUBLIC ACTIONS**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding public actions and the following points were made.

43/2019/P – Transport Strategy and Covering Note

- The Director of the Built Environment noted that this would be completed in advance of the April 2020 meeting.

RESOLVED, that the report be received.

6. **GATEWAY 2 - ENERGY REDUCTION PROGRAMME - PHASE 1**

Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the City Surveyor regarding the Energy Reduction Programme Phase 1.

RESOLVED, that Members,

- Approve a budget of £40,250 to reach the next Gateway, consisting of £16,000 from City Fund reserves and £24,250 from City Cash reserves;
- Note the project budget of £1,153,000 plus estimated risk allowance of £60,700 to be funded £246,000 from Carbon Offset fund with the remaining cost of £968,000 to be met from City Fund and City's Cash reserves;
- Approve a Costed Risk Provision of £10,100 (to be drawn down via delegation to Chief Officer in consultation with the Chamberlain) to be funded £3,200 from City Fund reserves and £6,900 City's Cash reserves.

7. **GATEWAY 2 - PAVA INSTALLATION & DOOR LOCK UPGRADE**

Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the City Surveyor regarding PAVA Installation and Door Lock Upgrade and the following points were made.

- In response to a request, the City Surveyor agreed to clarify outside of the meeting whether the project formed part of the Secure City Programme (6/2020/P).

RESOLVED, that Members,

- Approve a budget of £88,000 to start the upgrade doors work phase of the project.
- Approve a budget of £30,000 for the PAVA project for the technical survey to progress to Gateway 3/4 via the regular approval track.
- Note the project budget of £118,000 at this gateway

- Note the total upper range cost of the project at £1,500,000 including risk
- Note the risk register.

8. **GATEWAY 4 - GLOBE VIEW WALKWAY - OPENING UP AND ENHANCING THE RIVERSIDE WALK**

Members considered a Gateway 4 report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding Globe View Walkway – Opening up and enhancing the Riverside Walk.

RESOLVED, that Members,

- Approve a budget of £94,000 to reach the next Gateway, funded from the TfL LIP allocation;
- Note the revised total estimated cost range of the project at £450,000 - £650,000 (excluding risk).

9. **GATEWAY 4 - BARBICAN ESTATE REDECORATION PROGRAMME 2020-25**

Members considered a Gateway 4 Issue report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding the Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25, noting that appendix 3 of the report was on the non-public side of the agenda. The following points were made.

- The Director of Community and Children's Services noted that there had been some concerns expressed by residents over the cost of the programme, but that officers had arrived at the costs using both compliant processes and a 60:40 split between cost and quality.
- In response to a question, the Director of Community and Children's Services noted that residents would receive a consistent service charge bill over time for the works, with a small percentage of overall cost waived given the redecoration was being applied to areas of the estate which were not residential.
- In response to a question, the Director of Community and Children's Services replied that the original estimate had been based on the cost of the previous programme, and therefore there was a lesson to be learned over how to arrive at a more accurate programme cost on future programmes.

RESOLVED, that Members,

- Approve an additional budget of £563,252 to uplift the total estimated cost of the project to £3,938,252 (excluding risk);
- Note the revised total project budget of £3,938,252 (excluding risk);

- Note that a Gateway 5 – Authority to Start Work report will be submitted for Chief Officer approval as per the regular approval track upon conclusion of the post-tender Section 20 process.

10. **GATEWAY 5 - LIBRARY SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS**

The Town Clerk noted that this report had been moved to the non-public side of the agenda.

11. **GATEWAY 6 - IT INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Members considered a Gateway 6 report of the Chamberlain regarding IT Infrastructure Services – Performance Improvement Plan.

RESOLVED, that Members note the report and approve that the project be closed.

12. **GATEWAY 6 - THAMES COURT FOOTBRIDGE**

Members considered a Gateway 6 report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding Thames Court Footbridge. The Chairman congratulated project officers on the delivery of a challenging project, and the skilful use of costed risk provision.

RESOLVED, that Members approve the content of the report and approve that the project be closed, subject to successful verification of the final account by the Chamberlain's Financial Services Division.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were three items of other business.

Request for Delegated Authority - Beech Street Clean Air

RESOLVED, that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to approve the Beech Street Clean Air project (7/2020/P).

Request for Delegated Authority – Golden Lane Playground

RESOLVED, that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to approve the Gateway 6 report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Golden Lane Playground project (8/2020/P).

14.1 **Dealing with Price Inflation for Construction Projects up to Gateway 5**

Members considered a report of the Chamberlain regarding dealing with price inflation for construction projects up to Gateway 5 and the following points were made.

- The Town Clerk noted that the report was designed to implement a consistent approach across the City of London Corporation to estimating price inflation during the course of a project.
- In response to a question, the Deputy Chamberlain confirmed that she was confident in the methodology underpinning the approaches outlined within the report.
- In response to a question, the Deputy Chamberlain confirmed that the recommended approach was Option 1 (Current Prices) set out at paragraphs 16 and 17 within the report.

RESOLVED, that Members,

- note the contents of the report; and
- agree the approach set out in paragraphs 16 and 17 and in particular confirm reports should show clearly the price base of any estimated costs shown in the report and advise both the basis and the sum included in the costed risk register for any inflationary uplift.
- note the inflation rate used will be set annually by the Chamberlain and the City Surveyor
- note that the effectiveness of the arrangements set out in this report will be reviewed in a report to the sub-committee every two years.

15. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

17. **NON-PUBLIC ACTIONS**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding Non-Public Actions.

18. **PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk providing a Portfolio Overview.

19. **GATEWAY 4 - BARBICAN ESTATE REDECORATION PROGRAMME 2020-25 - APPENDIX 3**

Members considered a non-public appendix to the Gateway 4 report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding the Barbican Estate Redecoration Programme 2020-25.

20. **GATEWAY 5 ISSUE - CITY OF LONDON PRIMARY ACADEMY ISLINGTON**

Members considered a Gateway 5 Issue report of the City Surveyor regarding the City of London Primary Academy Islington.

21. **GATEWAY 1/2/3/4 - SECURE CITY PROGRAMME**

Members considered a joint Gateway 1/2/3/4 report of the Commissioner and the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Secure City Programme.

22. **GATEWAY 4 - HOUSING DELIVERY PROGRAMME - PROVISION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING ON THE SYDENHAM HILL ESTATE, LEWISHAM, SE26 6ND**

Members considered a Gateway 4 report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding the Housing Delivery Programme – Provision of New Social Housing on the Sydenham Hill Estate, Lewisham, SE26 6ND.

23. **GATEWAY 2 - ORACLE PROPERTY MANAGER (OPN) REPLACEMENT**

Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the City Surveyor regarding the Oracle Property Manager (OPN) Replacement.

24. **GATEWAY 1/2/3/4/5 - PURCHASE OF PIANO FOR THE BARBICAN CENTRE CONCERT HALL**

Members considered a Gateway 1/2/3/4/5 report of the Managing Director regarding the purchase of a piano for the Barbican Centre Concert Hall.

25. **GATEWAY 6 - TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE REFRESH**

Members considered a Gateway 6 report of the Commissioner regarding a Technology Infrastructure Refresh.

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

There were no non-public questions.

27. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were three items of other business, including the two following late reports:

27.1 **Library Self Service Kiosks**

Members considered a Gateway 5 report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding Library Self-Service Kiosks.

27.2 Gateway 2 - Bridge House Estates 30-34 New Bridge Street Refurbishment

Members considered a Gateway 2 report of the City Surveyor regarding Bridge House Estates, 30-34 New Bridge Street Refurbishment.

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm

Chairman

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