

Committees: Streets and Walkways Sub Projects Sub	Dates: 15 October 2020 21 October 2020
Subject: Globe View Walkway – Opening up and enhancing the Riverside Walk Unique Project Identifier: 10793	Gateway 4 Regular Issue Report
Report of: Director of the Built Environment Report Author: Melanie Charalambous	For Decision

1. Status update	<p>Project Description: The opening up and enhancement of the currently closed section of walkway at Globe View in order to complete the Riverside Walk, which is a long-standing policy objective of the City.</p> <p>This project has been previously approved through a prioritisation report last year and a Gateway 4 report in March 2020. The reason this issues report is coming forward is to approve an alternative funding source to replace TfL funds that were withdrawn in May 2020.</p> <p>RAG Status: Red (funding shortfall)</p> <p>Risk Status: Medium</p> <p>Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): £450k-£650k</p> <p>Change in Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): N/A</p> <p>Spend to Date: £199,307</p> <p>Costed Risk Provision Utilised: N/A</p> <p>Slippage: The project is currently on-hold as a result of TfL funding for 2020/21 being withdrawn in May 2020.</p>
2. Requested decisions	<p>Next Gateway: Gateway 5 - Authority to Start Work (Light)</p> <p>Requested Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Option One is approved for the allocation of £94,000 funds from the Bath House S106 obligation (public transport improvements) to reach the next Gateway.

<p>3. Budget</p>	<p>The total estimated cost of the project is £450K-£650K. The approved funding sources for this project are a combination of S106 and TfL funds.</p> <p>Further details are set out in the Gateway 4 approval (March 2020).</p>
<p>4. Issue description</p>	<p>4.1 TfL announced in May that all 2020/21 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding has been withdrawn, as they want to ensure that their funding this year is spent on schemes that meet Covid-19 social distancing requirements. TfL (LIP) funding is the approved funding source to reach the next gateway of this project, as well as a key funding source for the implementation, alongside approved S106 funds. Design work on the project has largely been halted as a result of this announcement. However, an outstanding commitment for structural investigations (to inform the design) went ahead in July. The architect has not been appointed to develop the construction drawings.</p> <p>4.2 The original intention was to complete the works to allow the walkway to be reopened in November 2020 to align with the programme of the adjacent hotel development at Queensbridge House. However, this is no longer possible as key funding has been withdrawn by TfL.</p> <p>4.3 A scope review and reduction has already taken place at the previous gateway (March 2020) and we cannot further reduce the scope to achieve savings as we have to meet a certain standard of design to ensure we get the necessary approval from the Globe View Freehold company to undertake works on their land.</p> <p>4.4 The total funding shortfall is approximately £150K, depending on the final design and cost estimate and £94K is required to reach the next Gateway.</p>
<p>5. Options</p>	<p>Option One</p> <p><i>Continue with design development and utilise additional S106 funds to reach the next Gateway (5)</i></p> <p>5.1 Alternative funding sources have been investigated to cover the funding shortfall. Additional unallocated S106 funds have been identified that are appropriate to be used for this project. These are from the Bath House S106 contribution for ‘public transport improvement works’ that can be used for public transport improvements, including highway and footway improvements City-wide.</p>

	<p>5.2 It is recommended that these funds are allocated to the project to replace the withdrawn TfL funding. This will enable design work to progress to the next Gateway (5) and provide sufficient funding to implement the works alongside the existing approved S106 funds.</p> <p>Option Two</p> <p><i>Put the project on hold until further TfL funding is made available or a capital bid for alternative funding is approved (possibly April 2021)</i></p>
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Appendices

Appendix 1	Project Cover Sheet
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Background Papers

Gateway 4 report (approved March 2020)

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