Committees: Corporate Projects Board - for decision Project Sub Committee – for decision Planning and Transportation Committee - for decision	Dates: Delegated Authority 23 February 2021 24 February 2021
Subject: Car Parks – Fire Remedial Works (CS Ref – 044/21) Unique Project Identifier: PV ID: 12260	Gateway 2: Project Proposal Regular
Report of: City Surveyor Report Author: Jessica Lees	For Decision
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Recommendations

1. Next steps and requested decisions

Project Description: This project will carry out essential fire door replacements at Baynard House and London Wall Car Park, and ventilation replacement at Tower Hill.

Next Gateway: Gateway 3/4 - Options Appraisal (Regular)

Next Steps:

To get a detailed survey to provide options at gateway 3/4

Funding Source:

City Fund Reserve

In principle' funding of up to £1,032,000 was approved by Resource Allocation Sub and Policy and Resources Committees in December 2019 as part of the 2020/21 annual capital bid round of which £669,000 has been utilised for the Baynard House Car Park – Ventilation and Smoke Clearance Project (Project ID – 12195)

Requested Decisions:

1. That a budget of £30,000 is approved to carry out detailed surveys to reach next gateway.

- 2. To note the total estimated cost of the project of £300,000 (excluding risk).
- 3. To note that there is a Costed Risk of £60,000 (post-mitigation).
- 4. To note that the total estimated cost of the project of £360,000 (including risk).
- 5. To note that 'in principle' central funding from City Fund reserves was agreed as part of the 2020/21 annual capital bids, with draw down subject to the further approval of the Resource Allocation Sub and Policy and Resources Committees.

2. Resource requirements to reach next Gateway

Item	Reason	Funds/ Source of Funding	Cost (£)
Consultant services engineer	To carry out surveys	City Fund Reserves	£15,000
Fire consultant	To carry out fire compartment/ fire door survey	City Fund Reserves	£5,000
R&D asbestos survey	Survey to locate and identify all asbestoscontaining materials (ACMs)	City Fund Reserves	£3,500
Other	Planning/ building control	City Fund Reserve	£3,500
Staff costs	Project management	City Fund Reserve	£3,000
Total			£30,000

3. Governance arrangements

- Planning and Transportation
- Senior Responsible Officer Ian Hughes, Deputy Director, Transportation and Public Realm

- Project Manager to be allocated once the gateway 2 report has been approved
- A project board is not required as this is a regular project and works are not considered complex or to impact on a high number of stakeholders
- The project will be progressed by the City Surveyor's Department (CSD) in conjunction with the Department of Built Environment.

Project Summary

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4. Context	 4.1 Most recent fire risk assessments for Tower Hill, London Wall and Baynard House car parks have identified several fire risks where fabric and mechanical and electrical remedial actions are required to be carried out. 4.2 Each car park contains several electrical vehicle charge points, which are deemed higher risk with recent guidance on installation of fast, rapid and super vehicle charging units it is essential that fire actions are addressed to ensure the safety of each car park. 4.3 The work identified is in line with the forward maintenance plan for the property. 4.4 If the work is not carried out then the car parks are at risk of closure.
5. Brief description of project	 5.1 The project will replace fire doors where required at both Baynard House and London Wall Car Parks. These works are currently not covered by existing projects. 5.2 The project will also replace the ventilation at Tower Hill Car Park which is near the end of its economic repair.
6. Consequences if project not approved	6.1 If deferred, sites will continue to be an increased risk that a fire would have significant consequences. Given the public awareness of the Grenfell Tower fire as well as the King's Dock car park fire next to the Echo Arena in Liverpool in 2017, there is a public expectation that local authorities are doing all they can to mitigate fire risk in their buildings

	 6.2The current installations have been identified as actions on the car park risk assessments which links into the car parks life care plans. 6.3 Current H&S issues identified would remain including poor ventilation at Tower Hill Car Park exposing the City to the risk of legal challenges by not providing a safe environment. 6.4Local authorities are required to ensure their premises are fundamentally safe and fit for purpose. The review of the Echo Arena fire highlighted the implications of a fire spreading rapidly from vehicle to vehicle & floor to floor, accelerated by the failure of plastic fuel tanks. This reemphasised the need for effective sprinkler systems, ventilation and fire management procedures to underpin an integrated risk management plan. 6.5 If the car parks were closed due to not meeting the required standards identified, the City could lose a projected £1,920,000 per annum based upon 2021/22 budgeted income.
7. SMART project objectives	 What is the project required to achieve? Highlight a few objectives. These may be derived from your measures of success as described in your Project Briefing. To ensure that there is a compliant ventilation system, fit for purpose with acceptable levels of carbon monoxide and other pollutants present This project aligns to two key themes within DBE's Business Plan, namely: Creating a welcoming seven-day City that is inclusive, safe, clean and easy to move around Improving the quality and safety of the environment for businesses, workers, residents and visitors Safe off-street facilities, whether for public parking, consolidation or other uses, remain a key element of the Transport Strategy
8. Key benefits	 To reduce maintenance charges incurred To provide a compliant building and removal of risk from risk registers To provide a safe environment for staff, contractors and the general public.
9. Project category	1. Health and safety

10. Project priority	A. Essential
11. Notable exclusions	 11.1 Baynard House and London Wall ventilation, fire alarm and sprinklers which are covered by other capital projects already within the gateway process. 11.2 Minories Car Park has been excluded from the scope at gateway 2 due to funding however we are exploring ways to carry out the necessary assessment of Minories which may lead to a further capital bid this year.

Options Appraisal

12. Overview of	Numbered list format	
options	Option1 – Closure of the car park due to not meeting the required standards identified and high risk to the public	
	Option 2 Refurbishment of the existing ventilation, replace and repair fire doors where applicable	
	Option 3 – Replace the ventilation system in its entirety and replace all fire doors that require repair as well as replacement	

Project Planning

13. Delivery period and key dates	Overall project: Six months from start work on site/ estimated completion date October 2022.	
	The project briefing previously estimated a completion date of between June and August 2021, this was on the basis that the project would start on site between May – July 2020. Due to Covid-19 and a review of project scope as other projects have superseded some of the works identified in the original project brief, the start on site date is now estimated May 2022 with an estimated completion date of October 2022. Key dates:	
	Gateway 2 approval	March 2021
	Produce brief for the survey works	April 2021
	Tender consultancy service	May 2021

Appoint consultant for survey and design	June 2021
Undertake asbestos R&D survey	June 2021
Gateway 3 - 4 report for approval	September 2021
Finalise tender documents	October 2021
Tender project	November 2021
Tender return	December 2021
Gateway 5 report for approval	February 2022
Place order with contractor	March 2022
Start work on site	May 2022
Project completion	October 2022
Gateway 6 outcome report for approval	April 2023

Other works dates to coordinate: these works are likely to coincide with the London Wall Car Park ventilation, electrical and fire alarm project. We do not envisage works to impact upon one another.

14. Risk implications

Overall project risk: Low

Project risk is low as at early stages of the gateway process.

The overall project risk may change once detailed surveys are carried out as part of the gateway 2.

Please note the current total costed risk (post-mitigation) for the project of £60,000

Further information available within the Risk Register (Appendix 2).

We are closely monitoring the state of these facilities to ensure the delay to the intended programme does not materially affect their safety and risk to the public.

15. Stakeholders and consultees	 Department of Built Environment (DBE) – Highways DBE District Surveyors –Gordon Roy Terence Short – Fire Officer, CSD DBE parking contractor – SABA
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Resource Implications

16. Total estimated	Likely cost range (excluding risk): £280,000 - £300,000		
cost	Likely cost range (including risk): £340,000 - £363,000		
17. Funding strategy	Choose 1: Choose 1:		
	All funding fully guaranteed	Internal - City's own	Funded wholly by resource
	Funds/Sources of Funding	1	Cost (£)
	City Fund Reserves*		£363,000
		Total	
	*'In principle' funding of £1.032 Allocation Sub and Policy at December 2019 as part of the 2 Of this sum, £669,000 has a Baynard House Car Park wo gateway report, leaving £363,00 from the On-Street Parking Res	nd Resourc 020/21 annu Iready beer rks agreed 00 for this so	res Committees in lal capital bid round. In allocated for the under a separate
18. Investment appraisal	Annual loss of income if the Car Parks were to close is £1,920,000 (based on 2021/22 budgeted income)		
19. Procurement strategy/route to market	The procurement of the Consultants will be run in line with the City of London's procurement code and liaising with the City Procurement Team if necessary. The works for this project proposed at the next gateway, will at this time be run via the Intermediate Works Framework as a competition to all parties through City Procurement.		
20. Legal implications	We have a legal duty of car to safely managed and maintained		

21. Corporate property implications	This project aligns with the Corporate Property Asset Management Strategy 2020-2025 to ensure that operational assets are maintained in good, safe and statutory compliant condition.
22. Traffic implications	Parking bays will need to temporarily be closed off to enable plant replacement above
23. Sustainability and energy implications	None
24. IS implications	None
25. Equality Impact Assessment	An equality impact assessment will not be undertaken
26. Data Protection Impact Assessment	The risk to personal data is less than high or non- applicable and a data protection impact assessment will not be undertaken

Appendices

Appendix 1	Project Briefing – Fire Safety in Public Car Parks
Appendix 2	Risk Register

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