

OPERATIONAL PROPERTY AND PROJECTS SUB COMMITTEE
Monday, 5 June 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee held at Committee Rooms, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 5 May 2023 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Timothy Hailes (Chair)
Deputy Shравan Joshi (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Randall Anderson
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Caroline Haines
Paul Martinelli

Officers:

Claire Spencer	CEO, Barbican Centre
Sonia Virdee	Chamberlain's Dept.
Emma Moore	Chief Operating Officer's
Genine Whitehorne	Chief Operating Officer's Dept
Dorian Price	City Surveyor's Dept.
Peter Young	City Surveyor's Dept.
Sarah Baker	Town Clerk's Dept.
Annette Eichie	Town Clerk's Dept.
Matthew Stickley	Town Clerk's Dept.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Christopher Hayward.

Deputy Madush Gupta joined the meeting online.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Operational Property and Projects Sub-Committee received the Sub-committee's terms of reference.

The committee noted that its membership included two members to be co-opted from the Court of Common Council and that, in line with this, expressions of interest had been sought ahead of the meeting. The committee noted that two members – Anett Rideg and Deputy Charles Edward Lord – had submitted expressions of interest, and that Anett Rideg had submitted a statement in

support of her nomination. Their cooption was motioned by Alderman Tim Hailes and seconded by Deputy Shravan Joshi.

RESOLVED – that:

1. The terms of reference be noted.
2. The Anett Rideg and Deputy Charles Edward Lord be coopted as members of the Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee for the 2023-24 civic year.

4. **MINUTES**

Paul Martinelli requested that the terms of reference for the project governance review and the remit of the external consultant leading the review, Mr Paul Martin, be re-shared with members of the Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee. This was agreed by officers.

RESOLVED – that the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 17 April 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **GW3: CROSSRAIL LIVERPOOL STREET URBAN INTEGRATION (PHASE 2)**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Environment regarding the update on phase 2 of the Crossrail Liverpool Street urban integration.

RESOLVED – that the Sub-Committee:

1. Noted and approved the contents of the report.
2. Approved a change in scope for the project to fund and undertake public consultation exercise for the Liverpool Street area Healthy Streets Plan.

6. **GW4: ST. PAUL'S GYRATORY PROJECT – PHASE - 1**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Environment concerning the project to transform the streets and public realm between the old Museum of London site and St. Paul's underground station through the partial removal of the 1970s gyratory.

The committee discussed the landscaping works to be undertaken on the site, the potential impact of the proposals on emergency service response times, access to St Bartholomew's Hospital, the displacement of traffic onto nearby roads, and the number of bus spaces these works would create.

In response to questions, officers confirmed that the consultation on the proposals had received a high number of responses and that it would continue through the summer.

An amendment to the recommendations was moved by Alderman Tim Hailes to correct the instructions to officers in line with the City of London Corporation's standing orders.

RESOLVED – that the Sub-Committee:

1. Note the approved financial bid for the project of from OSPR and CIL contributions.
2. Approves an additional budget of £1,712,050 from the OSPR to reach Gateway 5.
3. Note the revised total project budget of £2,947,992 (excluding risk) to reach Gateway 5.
4. Note the total estimated cost range of the project.
5. Approve the costed risk register and delegated authority to the Executive Director Environment to draw down funds from this.
6. Authorise the Executive Director Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to make any further adjustments (above existing authority within the project procedures) between elements of the budget.

7. **GW5: PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY STREETS PROGRAMME – PHASE 1**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Environment concerning a three-year programme implementing pedestrian priority schemes across the Square Mile to enhance comfort, safety and accessibility for people walking.

The committee discussed taxi access in the area and interest in the proposals from the business community.

An amendment to the recommendations was moved by Alderman Tim Hailes to correct the instructions to officers in line with the City of London Corporation's standing orders.

RESOLVED – that the Sub-Committee:

- Noted the funding strategy prepared to deliver the appropriate scheme outcomes for the best value;
- Note a capital bid of £2m is to be prepared to fund the maintenance elements of the King William Street corridor scheme.
- Authorise the Executive Director Environment, in consultation with the Chamberlain, to make any further adjustments (above existing authority within the project procedures) between elements of the budget.

8. **GW6: BANK STATION UPGRADE – CANNON STREET ENTRANCE S278**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Environment concerning the Section 278 scheme around the new Bank

underground station entrance on Cannon Street to reconstruct the public highway and accommodate the requirements of the new development.

The committee discussed the importance of ensuring public access to the station remained.

RESOLVED – that the Sub-Committee approved:

- the content of the outcome report.
- that the final accounts be undertaken.
- that the Chamberlain’s department return unspent funds to the Transport for London, including any subsequent refunds returned to the City by third parties; and
- that the project be closed

9. **GW6: CONCERT HALL SEATING**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Barbican Centre concerning the removal and replacement of Barbican centre concert hall seating, including arm rests and aisle lighting.

RESOLVED – that the Sub-Committee:

- note the lessons learned section of this report and approve formal closure of this project.

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

There were no questions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the remaining items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED - The non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 17 April 2023 be agreed as an accurate record.

14. **GW2: BARBICAN RENEWAL – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT**

The Sub Committee considered a joint report from the City Surveyor and the Barbican Centre CEO concerning the design development for elements of a long-term masterplan for the renewal of the Barbican Centre.

15. **GW3/4: GUILDHALL – GREAT HALL INTERNAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AND RESTORATION WORKS**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the City Surveyor concerning Guildhall great hall internal health and safety and restoration works.

16. **GW4: REFURBISHMENT/EXTENSION OF 1-6 BROAD STREET PLACE AND 15-17 ELDON STREET**

The committee noted that item 16 had been withdrawn.

17. **GW5: CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT PLANT REPLACEMENT: PHASE 5**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the City Surveyor concerning a report seeking funding to progress with Phase 5 of the central criminal court plant replacement.

18. **WALBROOK WHARF STRATEGIC PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the City Surveyor concerning an analysis of the known constraints that the Walbrook Wharf strategic properties opportunity may pose.

19. **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK – CONTRACT AWARD**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Chief Operating Officer and the City Surveyor concerning a report advising on the outcome in tendering of the Architectural Services Framework (Lots 1,2 and 4).

20. **REWARD REFRESH**

The Sub Committee considered a report from the Chief Operating Officer regarding the City of London Corporation's review of its overall staff reward offer.

The committee noted the item had been considered at the Corporate Services Committee meeting of 31 May 2023 and that members' comments had been shared with the Chief Operating Officer following the meeting.

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

There were no questions.

22. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no urgent items.

The Chairman advised the committee that he had agreed to accept late submission of the Reward Refresh report but that as a rule he did not accept late submissions. He advised officers that he was aware of the difficulties the current project procedure created but that compliance with report submission timelines was not an optional requirement of the procedure.

In response to a question, the Chairman advised that so many officers did not need to attend committee meetings and that officers were welcome to leave the meeting at the conclusion of their items.

The meeting ended at 14:49.

Chairman

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