

<p>Committees: Streets and Walkways Sub Committee – for decision</p> <p>Planning and Transportation Committee – for decision</p> <p>Projects and Procurement Sub Committee - for information</p>	<p>Dates: 14 May 2024</p> <p>16 May 2024</p> <p>10 June 2024</p>
<p>Subject: Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Plan</p> <p>Unique Project Identifier: PV ID</p>	<p>Gateway 5: Light/ Authority to start work.</p>
<p>Report of: Interim Executive Director Environment</p> <p>Report Author: Maria Herrera, Transport and Public Realm, City Operations</p>	<p>For Decision</p>
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<p>1. Status Update</p>	<p>Project Description:</p> <p>The Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Plan (HSP) provides a framework for improvements to the streets and public realm in the area. The proposals reflect the opportunities arising from development and feedback from the public consultation exercise.</p> <p>RAG Status: Green as at last report to Committee.</p> <p>Risk Status: Low as at last report to Committee.</p> <p>Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): £15,000</p> <p>Change in Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): No change.</p> <p>Spend to Date: £15,000 on fees to undertake the public consultation exercise.</p> <p>Costed Risk Provision Utilised: None</p> <p>Slippage: NA</p>
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<p>2. Requested decisions</p>	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise maps and PDF version of Healthy Streets plan and publish on the City Corporation website. • Establish a Liverpool Street Area programme to coordinate project delivery, including existing projects and relevant s278 projects. • Bid for funding as required for priority projects. • Use the Healthy Streets Plan to inform pre-application discussions with developers and to establish the scope of the s278 for developments. <p>Requested Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Plan in Appendix 1 is adopted.
<p>3. Budget</p>	<p>A total of £15,000 of fees were allocated to this project to undertake the public consultation exercise. This included the online consultation platform, distribution of leaflets, and gathering of feedback.</p> <p>Staff costs were not applied to this project.</p>

4. Design summary

Project Update

4.1 The Liverpool Street area is a dynamic part of the City of London, home to one of London's busiest transport hubs and increasingly a destination for leisure as well as work.

4.2 The area covered by this Healthy Streets plan is bounded by Bishopsgate at the east, Moorgate at the west, London Wall- Wormwood Street at the south, and the City of London boundary with the London Borough of Islington and Hackney at northern edge.

4.3 The Healthy Streets plan has been updated to reflect the feedback from the public consultation and in response to future developments in the local area. The updated Liverpool Street Healthy Streets Plan is attached in Appendix 1 (Track changes have been included in order to make the post-consultation changes more legible).

4.4 The Healthy Streets Plan sets out an integrated approach to improving the public realm and managing traffic to support delivery of the following Transport Strategy outcomes:

4.5 The Square Mile's streets are great places to walk and spend time.

- Street space is used more efficiently and effectively.
- The Square Mile is accessible to all.
- People using our streets and public spaces are safe and feel safe.
- More people choose to cycle.
- The Square Mile's air and streets are cleaner and quieter.
- Delivery and servicing are more efficient, and impacts are minimised.
- Our street network is resilient to changing circumstances.

4.6 The proposals will also support delivery of the City Corporation's Climate Action Strategy and the Destination City initiative. A delivery plan is included in Appendix 2. Delivery of the plan will be subject to funding and the usual project processes and approvals.

4.7 A variety of funding sources will be used to for the delivery of the plan including:

- Section 106 developer contributions
- Remaining budget for Liverpool Street Crossrail integration

- Community Infrastructure Levy (subject to a bidding process)
- Section 278 developer contributions
- On Street Parking Reserve (OSPR) (subject to a bidding process)
- Local BIDs (Culture Mile and EC BID)
- Other external funding sources, including TfL.
- City of London Climate Action Strategy

Public Consultation

4.8 A public consultation was carried out over a nine-week period in between October and December 2023. The consultation was undertaken via an outline consultation platform (Commonplace) which has been used for similar projects. In addition, letters were distributed to occupiers in the local area, and meetings were held with key stakeholders, local occupiers, and Ward Members.

4.9 The consultation was open to anyone (group or individual) and whether a resident, business owner, worker, or visitor, with an interest in the area. It was designed to gain an understanding of public opinion on the proposals. The feedback from the consultation will help to inform the priorities and identify further changes that users might like to see in the area.

4.10 The consultation portal provided an overview on the proposals which included the following measures:

- Pedestrian priority improvements: giving more priority to people walking and wheeling and improving their safety and accessibility.
- Public realm improvements: to make streets and spaces more attractive, comfortable, and enjoyable to spend time in.
- Cycling improvements: to improve the comfort and safety for people cycling.
- Kerbside loading: to assess where more space for walking and cycling could be considered.

4.11 The consultation portal received 103 responses. There were additional emails and letters which were also received from stakeholders. Overall, there was an even split between visitors, workers and commuters who provided a response to the consultation. Most people selected walking as their preferred transport mode throughout the area, with the second largest preference being cycling, and buses.

	<p>4.12 A summary of the consultation responses outcomes is provided below. The full consultation report is the is included in Appendix 2.</p> <p>4.13 Across all four themes, a large majority of consultation participants gave positive feedback on the proposals with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91% positive feedback on proposed public realm improvements • 82% positive feedback on proposed cycling improvements • 75% positive feedback on proposals for kerbside activity • 74% positive feedback on pedestrian priority proposals. <p>Comments were focused on the improvements to the walking and cycling experience, improving safety, encouraging active and sustainable travel.</p> <p>4.14 Negative feedback related to the potential impact on bus journeys and taxi drop off points, as well as congestion of streets and servicing requirements.</p> <p>4.15 At this stage, the proposed projects will establish a framework to help inform a funding strategy for the key projects in the area and timescales. Individual projects will be subject to a detailed design stage, with further public consultation to gather feedback and respond to local needs.</p> <p>4.16 Comments were also provided which related to third party infrastructure including the bus station next to Liverpool Street Station.</p> <p>4.17 Comments were provided regarding the opportunities for Old Broad Street and its relevance in terms of a key pedestrian route. The HSP plan includes the section of Old Broad Street which is north of London Wall. However, any proposed changes to the street would be evaluated strategically, to ensure improvements are coordinated.</p>
<p>5. Delivery team</p>	<p>5.1 The work to date has been produced in-house by officers in the Transport and Public Realm Projects team and Planning. The delivery plan will be led by the Transport and Public Realm Projects team. Individual projects will include a project team comprising Street Space Planning, City Gardens and Highways sections, supported by external consultants when required.</p>

6. Programme and key dates	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Task- next steps</th> <th>Date 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Finalise maps and PDF version of Healthy Streets plan. Publish on City Corporation website.</td> <td>July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Establish Liverpool Street Area Programme</td> <td>July-September</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Task- next steps	Date 2024	Finalise maps and PDF version of Healthy Streets plan. Publish on City Corporation website.	July	Establish Liverpool Street Area Programme	July-September
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7. Risks	7.1 As this report is for the adoption of the Healthy Streets Plan, the identification of Risks and a Risk Register are not required.						
8. Success criteria	8.1 Key measures of success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify opportunities to improve safety and comfort for people walking, wheeling and cycling. • To identify opportunities to improve the streetscape and introduce greenery. • To establish a framework to develop a programme of work to coordinate projects in the area. • To establish key priority projects for the Liverpool Street Area. • To inform the consideration for highway and public realm improvements in new development proposals. 						
9. Progress reporting	9.1 An annual programme report will be submitted to committees, and individual project will be progressed as per CoL project procedure and gateway approval process.						

Appendices

Appendix 1	Healthy Streets Plan with track changes
Appendix 2	Consultation report
Appendix 3	Delivery plan

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