

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Room 2 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy John Edwards (Chair)
Jacqui Webster (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Mercy Haggerty
Shravan Joshi MBE
Hugh Selka
Deputy Tom Sleigh
Matthew Waters
Deputy Timothy Butcher (Ex-Officio Member)
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Albert Cheung	- Environment Department
Grant Duke	- Environment Department
John Grimes	- Environment Department
Gillian Howard	- Environment Department
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department
Laura Kearney	- Environment Department
Bruce McVean	- Environment Department
Tom Noble	- Environment Department
Olumayowa Obesisan	- Environment Department
Emmanuel Ojugo	- Environment Department
Stephen Oliver	- Environment Department
Judith Dignum	- Town's Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Deborah Oliver.

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

Charles Edward Lord declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Arthur Street – Section 278 Agreement for Highways Reinstatement) in that he was a resident of an adjacent street (Minute 4 below refers).

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 16 September 2025 be agreed.

The following matters arose from consideration of the minutes:

- Pedestrian Priority Streets Programme – Old Jewry (Minute 7)
In response to questions, Officers advised that the option which the Committee had approved in relation to Old Jewry was expected to be implemented in September 2026. The existing Traffic Order would expire in January 2026, following which a temporary order would be put in place to allow the road to remain open pending completion of the ongoing works to Frederick's Place.

Officers updated the Committee on the position regarding consultation with relevant Ward Members and major landowners, noting that no comments had been received from the Members of the two adjacent Wards which had been approached after the October meeting. As the Mercers Company had been included in the original consultation but had not expressed a view at that stage, it was not considered appropriate to approach them again.

Officers confirmed that, if no action was taken to extend the existing Traffic Regulation Order which had re-opened Old Jewry, there would be a reversion to the previous position (i.e. road closure) upon its expiry in January 2026.

4. **ARTHUR STREET - SECTION 278 AGREEMENT FOR HIGHWAY REINSTATEMENT**

Charles Edward Lord declared an interest in this item (Minute 2 above refers). He remained present during its consideration but took no part in the decision-making.

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Environment which sought Members' authorisation for officers to negotiate and enter into a Section 278 agreement with TfL for highway reinstatement and associated public realm improvements in Arthur Street. This would complete the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade (BSCU) project.

Responding to Members' questions, Officers explained that delays to the commencement of the reinstatement works had occurred due to extended negotiations between the City Corporation and TfL. It had now been agreed that the works would be delivered by the City Corporation on behalf of TfL, with all costs to be funded by TfL (arising from their obligations under the Transport and Works Act Order). Although a definite commitment could not be given, completion of the reinstatement works was expected in September 2026.

Regarding concerns about the inconvenience and safety risks to pedestrians due to the prolonged closure of Arthur Street, Officers agreed to investigate

whether it may be possible to reduce the footprint of the hoardings around the site, adjacent to the pavement.

Resolved – That Members:

1. Authorise Officers to negotiate and enter into a Section 278 agreement with TfL to reinstate Arthur Street, as detailed in the report.

5. CROSSRAIL LIVERPOOL STREET URBAN INTEGRATION (PHASE 2)

The Sub-Committee received a report by the Executive Director, Environment which provided a progress update on the adopted Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Plan (HSP) and sought Members' approval to establish a programme for continued delivery of the Plan in future.

In response to a Member's request for clarification regarding the future arrangements for engagement with stakeholders, Officers explained that the report concerned the procedural arrangements for renaming the existing 'Crossrail Liverpool Street Urban Integration (Phase 2)' project as the 'Liverpool Street Healthy Area Streets Programme'. The Corporation's financial governance processes required the shutting down of the existing programme and the establishment of a new one, although in practice the new programme would be a renamed version of the one which had been closed, albeit with a wider remit. The Stakeholder Group established under the original programme would transfer to the newly-established one, taking on a combined role as Steering Group for the redevelopment of the station and associated opportunities, and a stakeholder group for the Healthy Streets Programme.

In order to better reflect the report's intended outcome, it was agreed to amend Recommendation 3 by the addition of the words 'from that project' between 'budgets' and 'to', such that it would now read:

'Approve the closure of the Crossrail Liverpool Street Urban Integration (Phase 2)' project and the transfer of any unspent budgets *from that project* to Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Programme.'

RESOLVED – That Members:

1. Note and approve the content of the report.
2. Approve the renaming of the Crossrail Liverpool Street Urban Integration (Phase 2) project to the Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Programme.
3. Approve the closure of the Crossrail Liverpool Street Urban Integration (Phase 2) project and the transfer of any unspent budgets from that project to Liverpool Street Area Healthy Streets Programme.
4. Approve the allocation of £60,000 from the existing Crossrail Phase 2 Urban Integration project, to create a programme management budget for the Programme, as set out in Section 7 of the report.

5. Approve the remaining allocation from the existing Crossrail Liverpool Street Urban Integration Phases, to be put towards delivery of individual projects emerging from the Programme.
 6. Approve the inclusion of any underspend from the Finsbury Circus Access Improvements project, to be put towards delivery of individual projects emerging from the Programme.
 7. Note that future update reports on the Programme will be outside of the Gateway process, but that individual projects within the Programme will be subject to approval through the Gateway process.
6. **OUTCOME REPORT (G6) - 100 FETTER LANE: SECTION 278 (AND LIP-FUNDED RAISED JUNCTION TREATMENT OF NEW FETTER LANE, FETTER LANE AND BREAM'S BUILDINGS)**
- The Sub-Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Environment concerning outcomes from the completed project which delivered enhancements to the public realm around the redevelopment of 100 Fetter Lane, including a new raised junction treatment at New Fetter Lane, Fetter Lane and Bream's Buildings. Members' approval was sought for actions in connection with the project's closure.

RESOLVED – That Members:

1. Note the contents of the report.
 2. Authorise the return of unused funds to the developer, including any accrued interest as per the Section 278 agreement, once the final accounts for the projects are completed.
 3. Agree to close the project.
7. **POLICY AND PROJECTS DELEGATED DECISIONS - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2025**
- The Sub-Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Environment which summarised decisions relating to Transport and Public Realm Projects that had been taken between 1 July and 30 September under existing or agreed authorised powers by Responsible Officers within the Environment Department.

Referring to the proposed installation of fitness equipment at Old Waterman's Walk, the Chairman and Charles Edward Lord expressed their pride in the project, which involved the provision of new outdoor fitness equipment on the Riverside Walk. As research had shown that people favoured exercise when it took place by water, it was to be hoped that the project's location would give it the maximum chance of success. Officers advised that there were proposals for up to five similar projects.

RESOLVED – That Members

- Note the report.

8. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which provided an update on outstanding references.

Regarding the Monument/London Bridge project, concerns were raised about the poor condition of the site and the delay in undertaking the planned works. Officers confirmed that they were aware of the situation and had raised it with TfL, which was responsible. A meeting at the site with TfL senior management was due to take place in two weeks and the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee was also due to meet with them. Officers would seek clarification as to the timeline for the works and confirmation as to whether budgetary provision had been allocated within TfL. Members were disappointed that previous assurances provided by TfL in this regard did not appear to have been honoured.

RESOLVED – That Members:

Receive the report and note its content.

9. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE

1. Alderman Alison Gowman asked the following question concerning the works proposed to St John Street, Islington.

'What role does the City of London Corporation play regarding works on streets immediately adjacent to and servicing the City of London? What response to the statutory consultation did the City Corporation make to the proposal to close the southern part of St John St and Cowcross St to traffic (this being 1 of only 4 access points for HGVs into Smithfield Market)? What consultation did the City Corporation undertake regarding the impact on Smithfield Market with the market traders and other businesses in the West Smithfield area and, bearing in mind the likely adverse impact it will have on the Market, what steps can now be taken to ensure that the HGV access to Smithfield is not materially damaged and /or the works to St John Street are deferred until either after the works to the London Museum are complete (October 2026) or the main meat market is closed (2028)? .

Officers provided information on the process whereby the City Corporation responded to statutory consultations, noting that the City needed to ensure a consistent corporate approach despite having multi-faceted roles and responsibilities regarding some issues. Often, the part of the Corporation which prepared the corporate response would be that on which the proposal was likely to have the greatest impact. This would likely be the City Surveyor in the case raised by Alderman Gowman, with Officers from the Environment Department intending to remain neutral, as they had done previously in similar situations.

Members expressed the view that the Sub-Committee should contribute to the Corporation's response to this particular consultation, due to its interest

in issues affecting traffic flows. Members did not wish to express a negative view of the proposals but did believe that some measures were needed to mitigate their effect on Smithfield Market.

Following a discussion as to how this may be achieved given that the deadline for responses was imminent, Members agreed that the comments made at the meeting, together with any information considered pertinent by the Director of Operations, should be provided direct to the City Surveyor by the Director of Operations in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sub-Committee.

2. Deputy Marianne Fredericks requested information concerning the impact of the opening of the Silvertown Tunnel on Tower Bridge. It was agreed that a report should be submitted to a future meeting.

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

There was no urgent business.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

There being no further business, it was agreed not to exclude the public.

The meeting ended at 3.10pm.

Chairman

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