

## PROJECTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 26 September 2013

**Minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 3.30pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)	Angela Starling
Roger Chadwick	Deputy John Tomlinson
Hugh Morris	Deputy Michael Welbank

#### **In attendance:**

Marianne Fredericks  
Jeremy Simons

#### **Officers:**

Peter Lisley	- Town Clerks Department
Rebecca Kearney	- Town Clerks Department
Jacqui Daniels	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Peter Bennett	- City Surveyor
Huw Rhys Lewis	- City Surveyor's Department
Victor Callister	- Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Michael Dick	- Barbican Centre
Jim Turner	- Barbican Centre
Karen Tarbox	- Community and Children's Services Department
Jeremy Dagley	- Open Spaces Department
Paul Thomson	- Open Spaces Department
Bob Warnock	- Open Spaces Department

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Boleat, Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Alderman Sir Michael Bear.

### **2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

### **3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 4 July 2013 be approved as a correct record subject to the addition of John Tomlinson to the list of Members present at the meeting.

4. **71 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET - PROJECT PROPOSAL - GATEWAY 2**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the project proposal for Section 278 enhancement works at 71 Queen Victoria Street.

With reference paragraph 18 of the report and the period of time that the maintenance costs would be funded by the developer, Members noted that the aim would be for the maintenance costs for this project to be cost neutral. It was further noted that the Corporate Projects Board were reviewing the level of third party funding to be requested in such cases in future and it was anticipated that a report would be available early in the New Year.

**RESOLVED** – That a Section 278 Agreement be entered into with the developer/owner of 71 Queen Victoria Street to fund and progress the design stage of the project and develop it to Gateway 5, under the streamlined track.

5. **30 OLD BAILEY - OUTLINE OPTIONS APPRAISAL - GATEWAY 3**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment which sought to achieve a better balance between all modes of transport by replacing the existing zebra crossing on Ludgate Hill (adjacent St Paul's Cathedral) with a signalised crossing facility.

The Town Clerk reported that the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee had decided, at their meeting on 16 September 2013, that Option 1 be progressed on a trial basis for a period of 12 months provided that Officers were successful in seeking funding from TfL, in order to allow Officers to monitor the performance of the signalised crossing and the results reported to Members in due course and, if funding was not forthcoming from TfL, Officers be requested to report back to a future meeting with a proposal based on the use of Section 106 funding. Members discussed the need to not delay this project unnecessarily and were assured by the Chairman of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee that it was hoped that a report would be submitted to his Sub Committee thereon in November.

**RESOLVED** – That,

1) Option 1 be progressed on a trial basis for a period of 12 months provided that officers were successful in seeking funding from TfL, in order to allow Officers to monitor the performance of the signalised crossing and the results reported to Members in due course.

2) If funding was not forthcoming from TfL, Officers be requested to report back to a future meeting with a proposal based on the use of Section 106 funding.

6. **FLEET BUILDING & PLUMTREE COURT - PUBLIC REALM AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS - OUTLINE OPTIONS APPRAISAL - GATEWAY 3**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment seeking approval of the public realm and security elements of Fleet Buildings and Plumtree Court.

Members noted that the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee had asked Officers to investigate whether the number of bollards could be reduced as part of the design development and to report the results of this investigation at Gateway 4.

**RESOLVED** – That,

1) the proposed security and public realm design contained within the report (at Appendix 2) be progressed to the detailed options appraisal stage (Gateway 4);  
2) the development of highways options for Shoe Lane, Stonecutter Street, St Andrews Street and Plumtree Court be approved; and  
3) the Comptroller and City Solicitor be authorised to enter into legal discussions, under Section 106 and Section 278 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1980, with Farringdon Street Partners Limited.

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Sub Committee agreed that the City Surveyor's presentation giving an overview of Capital Project procurement be considered at this point in the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, as follows:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Exempt Paragraph No</b>
14	3

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS OVERVIEW PRESENTATION**

The Sub Committee received a detailed presentation from the City Surveyor giving an overview of the City Corporation's procurement of capital projects.

### **RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That the public be re-admitted for the remainder of the public business.

#### **7. KENLEY HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING - OPTIONS APPRAISAL - GATEWAY 3/4**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces concerning the Kenley Revival Project, which had been successful in its first round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Members noted that there were no other sources of grant funding available to support a heritage project of this size and therefore without it, the project would not succeed.

**RESOLVED** – That, should the second round HLF funding be successful, the project progress to Authority to Start Work (Gateway 5).

#### **8. 72 FORE STREET - ISSUE REPORT - GATEWAY 6**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment which sought to deliver improvements to the footways immediately adjoining 72 Fore Street.

**RESOLVED** – That the phasing of the project be approved in order to deliver improvements to the footways immediately adjoining the 72 Fore Street development site to co-ordinate with the building's launch as Phase 1 of the project and the evaluation/delivery of wider area improvements at a future date, as Phase 2 of the project.

9. **UPDATE ON THE HAMPSTEAD HEATH PONDS PROJECT**

The Committee received a joint report of the City Surveyor and Director of Open Spaces which provided an update summarising the current position and detailing activity on this project over the past few months. Members were referred to Item 24 on the agenda concerning action taken under urgency procedures during the summer recess.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the update and the approach being undertaken to continue the project at 'all deliberate speed' be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of Urgent Business

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – that, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, as follows:

<b>Item Nos.</b>	<b>Exempt Paragraph No</b>
13 - 25	3

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the Projects Sub Committee on 4 July 2013 be approved.

14. **CAPITAL PROJECTS OVERVIEW PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation from the City Surveyor.

15. **123 & 124 NEW BOND STREET, LONDON, W1 - CITY'S ESTATE - PROJECT PROPOSAL - GATEWAY 2**

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor and a note (laid round the table) containing an assessment of a reduced level of fees following a review of the scope of the works.

16. **WINDOW RENEWALS ON VARIOUS HOUSING ESTATES - PROJECT PROPOSAL - GATEWAY 2**

The Committee approved a report of the Director of Housing and Technical Services of the Community and Children's Services Department.

17. **GREAT GREGORIES CATTLE OUT-WINTERING - DETAILED OPTIONS APPRAISAL - GATEWAY 4**  
The Committee approved a report of the Director of Open Spaces.
18. **ENERGY SAVING PLANT VOLTAGE OPTIMISATION - DETAILED OPTIONS APPRAISAL - GATEWAY 4**  
The Committee approved a report of the Director of Operations and Buildings at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.
19. **AVONDALE SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE - DETAILED DESIGN - GATEWAY 4C**  
The Committee considered a joint report of the City Surveyor and the Director of Community and Children's Services; delegating authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to consider the matter.
20. **GUILDHALL ART GALLERY (HERITAGE GALLERY) - DETAILED DESIGN - GATEWAY 4C**  
A report of the City Surveyor was approved.
21. **CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT PLANT REPLACEMENT TENDER - DETAILED DESIGN - GATEWAY 4 C**  
The Committee received a report of the City Surveyor.
22. **BARBICAN CENTRE CAPITAL CAP ANNUAL REPORT**  
The Committee considered a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre and a resolution (laid round the table) of the Finance Committee thereon.
23. **INFORMATION SYSTEMS, POLICE, OPEN SPACES AND CULTURE HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES PROGRAMMES**  
The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain, the Commissioner of the City of London Police, the Director of Open Spaces and the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries.
24. **BUILDINGS PROGRAMME: AMBER AND RED PROJECTS**  
The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk, the City Surveyor and the Director of Community and Children's Services.
25. **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND URGENCY PROCEDURES**  
The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk.
26. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There were no questions.
27. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**  
There were no items of urgent business.

**The meeting closed at 5.10pm**

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Chairman

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