

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Monday, 22 September 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 22 September 2014 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Marianne Fredericks (Chairman)
Jeremy Simons (Deputy Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Deputy John Barker (Ex-Officio Member)
Revd Dr Martin Dudley
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)
Sylvia Moys
Graham Packham
Deputy Michael Welbank

Officers:

Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department
Steve Presland	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	Department of the Built Environment
Rob Oakley	Department of the Built Environment
Patrick Hegarty	Open Spaces Department
Alan Rickwood	City Police

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alex Bain-Stewart and Oliver Lodge.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2014 be approved.

4. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN

The Sub Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which advised Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting.

RESOLVED- that it be noted that approval was given to the following:-

- 1) To approve the Gateway 4 report in relation to the Bank By-Pass Walking Routes Project;
- 2) To approve the Environmental Enhancement projects to be delivered in 2014/2015 using additional Transport for London (TfL) funding (The detailed schemes to be circulated to Members of the Sub Committee)
- 3) To approve funding of £115,000 to allow the Crossrail Moorgate Urban Integration to progress to Gateway 4 (stage 1) and the agreement of design proposals by the end of December 2014.

5. **MARK LANE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment in relation to the Mark Lane Environmental Enhancements Project.

RESOLVED – That,

- 1) the commencement of phase one enhancement works be authorised and funds be released from the 64-74 Mark Lane Section 106 Agreement subject to the costs of reparations being finalised and received from the developer;
- 2) £12,000 from the 64-74 Mark Lane Section 106 Agreement be released to cover the staff costs and fees associated with delivering the phase one works;
- 3) £25,650 from the 64-74 Mark Lane Section 106 Agreement be released to fund the phase two design development, including transport analysis, detailed design and consultation with key stakeholders; and
- 4) £10,000 from the 64-74 Mark Lane Section 106 Agreement be released to cover the additional costs incurred on the scheme.

6. **ISSUES REPORT - MIDDLESEX STREET ESTATE - REMOVAL OF CAR PARK RAMPS**

The Sub Committee received a report regarding the removal of car park ramps at Middlesex Street Estate.

The Sub Committee referred to the planned demolition work which had been deferred from 11 August. Members requested that the issue of improved communication with residents be raised at the meeting of the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub Committee at its next meeting given that the changes to the schedule had generated some negative feedback from residents.

Members noted that information regarding the use of the off-street Parking Reserve fund and what this funding was ear marked for, was contained in the schedules submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee and it was therefore agreed to submit this same report to this Sub Committee for information.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. **LIMEBURNER LANE S.278**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment regarding the Limeburner Lane Section 278 project.

RESOLVED – That,

1. the final cost of the project be noted which will require a minor amendment to the budget;
2. Subject to the completion of the final account, any unspent monies be returned to the developer; and
3. the lessons learnt be noted and the project closed.

8. **CYCLE REVOLUTION UPDATE REPORT**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment which provided an update in relation to the Cycle Revolution.

During discussion, reference was made to the following –

- Building developments can cause road users to alter their travel routes as a result of working disruptions i.e. scaffolding and this was something that needed to be considered as part of the planning process;
- Improvement of signage for pedestrians, for example more on-road stencils on contra-flow cycle lanes;
- Additional on-street parking for cyclists and the transformation taking place in buildings to increase the availability of cycle parking. It was suggested that cycle parking statistics, both on street and in buildings would be useful in future reports;
- The network for delivery by 2016 was influenced by what other central London authorities were able to deliver and the decision was taken by the Programme Board to produce a deliverable plan for cyclists as opposed to something that was not coherent.

The Sub Committee expressed thanks to the Assistant Director and his team for their continued work.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

In response to a question, Alan Rickwood, City of London Police reported on the details of a recent accident involving a taxi and a cyclist near the Old Bailey. The taxi driver in question had suffered from a stroke whilst driving and as a result lost control of his vehicle and collided with a cyclist who sustained a broken arm. His passenger was also injured; however, no life threatening injuries were caused.

Parking for motorcyclists – In response to a question, Members were informed that parking for motor cyclists was included as part of the current Local Implementation Plan and the policy stated that overall levels of parking should be maintained. Members noted that car parks currently operated a non-charge system to encourage motorcyclists to use car parks. It was agreed that as part

of the review of fees and charges for car parks, officers would consider the implications on motorcycle parking.

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

Highway changes at Gresham Street – The Sub Committee were informed that officers were reviewing the effectiveness of the courtesy crossing on Gresham Street and an update would be provided to the Committee in the autumn.

Ludgate Hill pedestrian crossing – A further update report would be provided to the Committee in October 2014 which would contain details regarding the proposed trial of a signalized pedestrian crossing and the cost of the project and it was hoped that formal approval by Transport for London would have been obtained by this time.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2014 be approved.

The Sub Committee expressed gratitude to the Assistant Director for all his work with stakeholders in relation to the Cycle Superhighway.

13. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm

Chairman

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