



Report – Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Hampstead Heath Ponds Project – Gateway 5 Authority to Start Work

To be presented on Thursday, 5th March 2015

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In January 2015, the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee, the Projects Sub Committee, the Resource Allocation Sub Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee approved the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project at Gateway 5: Authority to Start Work. The project was ready to start on site in February 2015 and works will commence in April 2015.
2. The Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee, Projects Sub Committee, Resource Allocation Sub Committee, and Policy and Resources Committee agreed that:-
 - i. subject to the additional budget allocation and planning permission being secured and planning consent being issued, Members grant Authority to Start Work for the Ponds Project in accordance with the City’s project procedure
 - ii. authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment to make representations to Camden Council as to the form of the planning conditions, and to settle the terms of the section 106 agreement; and the Comptroller & City Solicitor be authorised to sign the section 106 agreement
 - iii. authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment to submit all necessary applications and details to Camden Council to discharge planning conditions
 - iv. authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment in consultation with the Chamberlain to agree the release of the specific risk provisions identified within the risk register and the provisional sum identified

- v. The Director of the Built Environment and the Comptroller & City Solicitor be authorised to sign the commencement agreement with BAM Nuttall, Atkins and Capita
 - vi. authority be delegated to the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath to appoint and manage specialist contractors to provide additional support in managing protestors if required
 - vii. authority be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment in consultation with the Chamberlain to authorise the transfer of the budget for some reinstatement activities to Hampstead Heath to enable some of the smaller scale reinstatement works such as planting and seeding to be undertaken in-house if this felt to be appropriate and cost effective as the project progresses
3. The report sought approval of the Court of Common Council to note that the total outturn including various risk items and provisional subs was now £21,198,475 and so will exceed the £18.5 million currently allocated (i.e. £15.2 million + 20% plus the £300,000 allocated for judicial review costs but not including inflation from 2010 prices), and to approve the allocation of funds to meet the shortfall of £2.66 million from the 2014/15 and 2015/16 City's Cash provision for new schemes.
4. Urgent approval was sought in order for the commencement agreement to be signed to allow works to start on site in February 2015. Any delay to the start of the project may have resulted in further considerable cost increases.
5. Approval under Urgency was given by the Rt. Hon Lord Mayor, the Chief Commoner, the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee.

RECOMMENDATION.

6. We **recommend** that the urgent action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 20th day of January 2015.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Jeremy Simons
Chairman, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee