

STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION)
COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Streets and Walkways Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Deputy Clare James (Ex-Officio Member)
Oliver Sells QC (Deputy Chairman)	Paul Martinelli
Randall Anderson	Deputy Alastair Moss
Emma Edhem	Graham Packham
Marianne Fredericks	Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio Member)
Alderman Alison Gowman (Ex-Officio Member)	

Officers:

Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department
Olumayowa Obisesan	-	Chamberlain's Department
Steve Presland	-	Department of the Built Environment
Iain Simmons	-	Department of the Built Environment
Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Sam Lee	-	Department of the Built Environment

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 20 June be agreed subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:

8.1 – Tudor Street Area Mitigation Measures – Statutory Public Consultation Responses

A Member queried the need to reprovide the displaced motorcycle spaces suggesting instead that motorcyclists be directed to Baynard House car park.

Arising from the discussion a vote was taken as to whether or not the displaced motorcyclists should be redirected to use other available car park space:

6 FOR
2 AGAINST
1 ABSTENTION

And the Sub-Committee RESOLVED to:

- 1) Agree not to relocate the motor cycle parking to the western section of Tallis Street as agreed previously by the Court of Common Council on 12 January 2017.
- 2) *Agree not to reprovide lost motorcycle spaces on street and redirect motorcyclists to use other available parking space; and*
- 3) Agree that the objectors be informed of the decision accordingly.

8.3 Monument Subway

RESOLVED – That

- 2) The developer be asked if the unspent funds of £58,334 could be put towards providing further *historical* signage.

10 Questions

Two Way Cycling in Seething Lane/ Muscovy Street.

A member asked why officers had not leafleted local residents and occupiers, outlining the proposal, as they had done so previously a number of years ago when the proposal was first suggested, and also why, given that circumstances in the area have drastically changed since the idea was first conceived, what review had been undertaken?

For example the redesigning of Seething Lane Gardens, the very busy bars, hotels with frequent taxi drop offs, the introduction of the CSH and the removal by TfL of the railings which used to run along the whole length of Byward St. As well as ongoing development along the road with construction vehicles, especially at the top end of Seething Lane junction with Hart St/ Crutched Friars.

The concerns raised during the City's last consultation still stood and given the changes in the area the proposal was even more unsuitable and unsafe, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.

Officers were asked that given the changes to the area and the introduction of the CSH, what benefits would this proposal bring?

Officers advised that a vigorous design process had been undertaken and they would provide a written response to the Member.

Citigen Roadworks

Officers agreed that lessons had been learned and would be fed into the design of the future works.

London Wall Place

Officers undertook to look into this and it was agreed that it should be added to the OR list.

4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

RESOLVED – That the list of outstanding references be noted and updated as appropriate.

Swan Pier

Officers advised that a consultant had now been appointed to undertake a review of the repairs needed and that a report would be coming to the Sub-Committee after the recess.

Alderman Gowman, who had initially raised the issue, expressed concern that this would result in nothing being done until early 2108 which was a very long time. She further added that there had been no consultation with ward Members

5. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT :-

5.1 Crossrail Works Approval

The Committee considered a Gateway 5 issue report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning Crossrail Works and approval that the CoL Corporation deliver the works for Crossrail, starting with the Farringdon East element, followed by Moorgate/Moorfields and Liverpool Street in due course.

Members were advised that Crossrail had the authority to unilaterally deliver the works under their Crossrail Act powers, and were required to complete certain key elements by December 2018 to allow the relevant stations to open.

However, the presence of over-site development & adjacent building works would prevent large elements of these works being completed by December 2018, after which Crossrail would cease to exist as a delivery arm of TfL. As a result, Crossrail had discussed through a number of working groups with the CoL how the CoL could undertake the majority of these works on Crossrail's behalf.

Members asked a number of questions in relation to the timing of the works, whether or not any liaison had taken place with Westminster, the need for further contingencies to be put in place, and the fact that the CoL would have to underwrite any cost overrun.

Members sought assurance that there were sufficient staff resources in place to deliver the works and also that consultation would be undertaken with local stakeholders and residents who would be affected by the traffic and pedestrian disruption.

Officers advised that there were sufficient resources in place and using Riney would ensure the City had full control on the quality of work and engagement with the community. However officers acknowledged that while the CoL undertook large amounts of consultation, TfL and Crossrail did not and it would therefore be necessary to consult further with residents.

RESOLVED – That

- a) Agreement in principle that the City deliver the urban realm works at Farringdon and Liverpool St stations on behalf of Crossrail be given subject to the Chairman and Deputy Clare James meeting with officers to ensure consultation with residents is undertaken;
- b) Approval for Gateway 3-5 to commence works in relation to Farringdon east be delegated to the Director of the Built Environment, in conjunction with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee;
- c) The Comptroller and City solicitor be authorised to conclude the legal agreement between the City and Crossrail; and
- d) Subsequent Gateway 5 reports in relation to Liverpool Street station be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

5.2 City Transportation Network Performance 2017/18 Work Programme

The Committee considered a report concerning the transportation network performance work programme.

Members had previously requested that they be made aware of current workload issues and, given the pressure on staffing resources, be given the opportunity to agree work programme priorities.

The report set out those significant work items that either directly or indirectly impacted upon the workload of the City Transportation's 'Network Performance' team, and provided a proposed work plan.

Members were advised that the 'Network Performance' team within the City Transportation section was experiencing significant service demands and a workload that even if staffed to current full establishment it would not be possible to meet. It had therefore been necessary to recommend a review of service priorities.

The Chairman stressed to the Sub-Committee that these were the priorities of officers, and not Members, and the staff resource needs and costs for each project were indicated. He stated that the officers were really in a 'no win' situation and just needed an indicative list to work on.

Members expressed concern that the Sub-Committee was being asked to prioritise works when some less significant works had been required for a longer period of time.

In relation to the requests for market force supplements applied for in relation to a number of posts, Members indicated their support for this and stressed that the lack of resources to do the work required be flagged up with both the Town Clerk and the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.

A member commented that given the current boom in regeneration work across the whole of London, it was imperative that funds were made available to undertake works and to achieve the CoL's strategic objectives and ambitions.

RESOLVED - to

- a) Agree the proposed highest priority programme (Appendix 1: table 1) which based on current staffing resource can be progressed within 2017/18.
- b) Agree the proposed additional programme (Appendix 1: table 2) which could be progressed in 2017/18 if the network performance team is fully resourced.
- c) Agree the proposed reserve programme (Appendix 1: table 3) which could commence in 2018/19 or sooner if resources permit.
- d) Agree those projects proposed as 'low priorities' (Appendix 1: table 4) which it is proposed are indefinitely deferred but that this decision be reviewed in quarter four 2017/18.
- e) Support the need for the payment of market forces supplements and for increased funding generally.

6. TUDOR STREET

The Sub-Committee received a verbal update on the Tudor Street mitigation measures.

The Deputy Chairman stated that it all relevant parties had taken on board that a solution needed to be found as soon as possible, however officer time spent in relation to this was disproportionate to the size of the area.

Members raised a number of questions in relation to the installation of the parking restrictions in Bridewell Place, consultation with various stakeholders including bus-stop users and the study of the traffic flow.

Officers agreed to look into the parking restrictions at Bridewell Place as there had been some issues with the yellow lines. They further advised that the study of traffic flow was a major piece of work likely to take up to a year, and that TfL were responsible for consultation with bus-stop users.

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

In response to a question concerning the unsightly painted markings on the road in the Tudor Street area, Members advised that these related to the Thames Tideway project and would be washed away.

In response to a question concerning consultation and the fact that some processes were undertaken well and some less well depending on which area of the City was affected, officers responded that they considered the processes were consistent and appropriate however undertook to consider the introduction of a protocol.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT
Street Lighting Project – Gateway 5

The Sub-Committee was advised that approval was required to begin works in relation to the Street Lighting Project before the Projects Sub-Committee met on the 18 July 2017.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be authorised to approve the Gateway 5 request to begin works under delegated powers.

9. 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 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 20 June be agreed as a correct record.

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

The non-public questions were noted.

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

The Committee received an update on Islington's Controlled Parking Zone and the purchase of Riney by Tarmac.

The meeting closed at 13.15pm

Chairman

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