

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Corporate Asset Sub (Finance) Committee	11/07/2018
<b>Subject:</b> Mansion House: External Cleaning & Lighting – update	<b>Public</b>
Report of: City Surveyor Ref: CS 247/18	<b>For Information</b>
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## Summary

The Gateway 1/4 report on the external cleaning and lighting of the Mansion House has been delayed by difficulty in undertaking surveys and will now be submitted to the November meeting of the Corporate Asset Sub Committee.

## Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

## Main Report

## Background

1. The City Surveyors Department (CSD) report to February CASC noted that, in relation to Member's concerns, plans to undertake external cleaning of the Mansion House will be reviewed together with proposals for external lighting. It stated that a cost estimate will be formulated and a plan for undertaking the works will be drawn up, a Gateway 1/4 report will be presented to this Committee at the latest on the 14th September 2018 for consideration.
2. At the meeting officers confirmed that a report would be presented to the July 2018 meeting with detailed options.

## Current Position

3. Surveys of the external façade of the Mansion House have been commissioned from a specialist architect, Carden & Godfrey. This company specialises in the conservation of historic buildings.
4. Undertaking the surveys has been delayed. Initial proposals utilising mobile high-level access plant required the need for partial road closures and presented loadings issues at Mansion House Place. Consultation with CoL Highways Dept also informed CSD of a 12-week lead time for closures and it being unlikely a closure to Mansion House Street would be granted due to current gas leaks in the area.
5. To overcome the delay alternative means of access to allow close inspection of the façade has been considered. The preferred option, abseiling from the roof of the building, will require a Freedom of Movement licence; CoL Highways have

indicated a lead-time of 4-6 weeks for this to be granted. Obtaining road closures or pavement closures to meet the shortened reporting date has been difficult.

6. The application for the Highway licence has been submitted and we are expecting a response end of June 2018
7. The surveys are planned to take place between 25th and 30th of June 2018, with the architect's final report due by 13th of September 2018. During this time CSD will be issued with a draft report and engage with stakeholders to develop a suitable programme for phasing works to minimise operational impact. A Quantity Surveyor will provide project costs following stakeholder consultations and developed options.
8. The technical and financial aspects of the findings will need to be considered, together with implications for stakeholders, before options can be presented to Committee.
9. As well as surveying the stonework and external façade we are also looking at proposals for lighting the Mansion House. An image of the proposal with indicative costs is included in the appendix to this report. We will be reassessing this proposal and updating the costs for the next report.
10. The next report will be a combined Gateway 1-4 Options Appraisal report which will be considered at the 01/11/2018 meeting of your committee and then submitted for approval to the next Project Sub Committee on 07/11/2018.

## **Appendices**

Appendix1: Image of the Mansion House with portico lighting proposal.

## **Background Papers**

City Surveyors Department Report ref CS019/18 (CASC 13/02/2018 agenda item 9)

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Appendix1: Image of the Mansion House with portico lighting proposal.



Image by **dpa** lighting design

Total Budget Estimate for Luminaires & Installation : £45,000.00  
Estimate of Electrical Running Costs: £607.00 per year  
(Estimated Costs February 2014)