

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER**  
**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET**  
**(PADDINGTON STATION - LONG TERM VEHICLE ACCESS)**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

At a meeting of the **Ad Hoc Committee of the Cabinet (Paddington Station - Long Term Vehicle Access)** held on **Monday 4 March 2002** at 6.30pm at City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1.

**Present:** Simon Milton (Chairman), Charles Cronin and Kit Malthouse.

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Simon Milton was nominated and seconded.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Simon Milton be appointed as Chairman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 The following Councillor declared an interest in item 3 – Paddington Station - Long Term Vehicle Access:-

Councillor Simon Milton on the grounds that he lives within the consultation area for traffic amelioration measures for the LTVA.

**3. PADDINGTON STATION – LONG TERM VEHICLE ACCESS (Report of Director of Planning and Transportation – agenda item 3).**

- 3.1 The report updated the Committee on progress in resolving outstanding issues.
- 3.2 The Committee expressed concern about the resolution of Railtrack signalling issues, the further deliberations of the funding partners regarding external funding and the possible cost implications for the project in the event of them not being speedily resolved.
- 3.3 The following motion was put to the Committee:-

That in the event that all outstanding issues, including in particular the outstanding issues with respect to the works agreement, are not resolved by 5 July 2002, the Council's involvement in the whole project be terminated.

The motion was seconded and agreed.

- 3.4 The revised situation regarding the procurement of cost over-run insurance for the project was discussed. A "Due Diligence" report has been issued to the underwriter and confirmation had been received that the first 35% of cost over-run insurance would be provided at slightly less than the premium originally quoted. The issue of realistic movement criteria in respect of the anticipated settlement of the Bakerloo line tunnels arising from the works was also discussed. The Committee were advised that it would not be possible to build the works without some movement of the track and tunnels. Survey work, including measuring track levels and checking the clearances between the train's kinematic envelope and the tunnel segments, had been undertaken. The movements on the tunnel were in the region of 2mm, which was considered to be as low as reasonably possible, and would be likely to result in an acceptable gauge reduction of 0.2mm. Confirmation was, however, awaited from LUL, that this would be acceptable. The Committee received an assurance that once the City Council had concluded the works agreement with LUL and entered into the main contract the responsibility for meeting these tolerances would pass to the contractor – there would be no residual risk left with the City Council.

### 3.5 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the current position regarding the Collaboration Agreement, Works Agreement and cost overrun insurance be noted;
- (2) That the proposal to issue a Letter of Intent to Hochtief with a cost ceiling of £1,000,000 to minimise cost and delay to the project be noted and
- (3) That in the event that all outstanding issues, including in particular the outstanding issues with respect to the works agreement, are not resolved by 5 July 2002 the Council's involvement in the whole project be terminated.

### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

- There is a Parliamentary Undertaking to deliver the project
- The main bridge contract can be awarded within the cost plan allowance
- The validity of the main bridge tender expires on 5 March 2002
- Project uncertainties have given rise to delays and increased cost. The proposed strategy will minimise further delay to the project and the out-turn cost.

Resolution (3) above was agreed on the basis that the City Council would not be involved in the project, and continue to incur expenditure, if the outstanding issues in the works agreement were not resolved by 5 July 2002.

**4. END OF MEETING**

4.1 The meeting ended at 6.56 pm.

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Chairman

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