



City of Westminster

Minutes

Meeting:

**Committee of the Cabinet
(Paddington Bridge Project)**

(2/2006)

Date of meeting:

Monday 27 November 2006 at 6.00pm

Attendees:

Councillors

**Colin Barrow (Chairman)
Danny Chalkley
Audrey Lewis**

Apologies:

None

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1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 It was noted that Councillor Audrey Lewis had replaced Councillor Sir Simon Milton.
- 1.2 It was noted that Councillor Colin Barrow had been nominated as Chairman by the Leader of the Council
- 1.3 **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Barrow be elected as Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Councillor Colin Barrow declared a non-prejudicial interest in that Paddington Bridge was located in his ward.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 The Chairman, with the assent of the Members present, signed the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2006

4. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information on the grounds shown below:-

Agenda Item No.	Grounds	Para of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act
5	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.	3 and 5

5. PADDINGTON BRIDGE (LTVA) PROJECT – PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE WITH NETWORK RAIL (Report of the Director of Transportation – agenda item 5)

- 5.1 David Ferrett, the Project Director, introduced this report which updated Members on the mediation with Network Rail over the additional possession related costs and set out the proposed negotiated settlement.

- 5.2 Members discussed the report and asked questions of the officers present.
- 5.3 With regard to a question regarding the robustness of aspects of the settlement, officers advised that they would take further legal advice on the proposed wording of the final settlement document to clarify the terms and safeguard the Council's position. In particular, there would be no ambiguity that a discount to the total Network Rail cost of £500,000 had been secured.
- 5.4 David Ferrett also outlined the Council's funding agreement with Transport for London and Members discussed and asked questions relating to this issue.

RESOLVED:

1. That the proposed negotiated settlement with Network Rail, as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report, be noted and endorsed.
2. That the Director of Transportation be authorised to finalise the detail of the proposed negotiated settlement with Network Rail as set out in the report.

Reasons for Decisions

The LTVA Project was approved in June 2003 on the basis that the City Council would bear a £22.75m share of a £62.5m cost plan. The negotiated settlement is expected to give a very favourable return against capital budget and avoids the risk and uncertainty about the financial outcome and the significant delay if litigation is pursued.

6. END OF MEETING

- 6.1 The meeting ended at 6.20pm.

Chairman

Date

