

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

At a meeting of the **Committee of the Cabinet (Paddington Station Long Term Vehicle Access)** held on **Monday 17 February 2003** at 6:00pm at City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1.

Present: Councillors Simon Milton (Chairman), Kit Malthouse and Tim Mitchell.

1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1 There were no changes to membership.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 No interests were declared by Members or Officers

3. MINUTES

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2002 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. EXEMPT REPORT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

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

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Grounds</u>	<u>Para of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act</u>
6 (minute no 5)	Information concerning expenditure to be incurred and terms proposed for the supply of goods and services	8 & 9

5.5. PADDINGTON STATION LONG TERM VEHICLE ACCESS (LTVA) (Report of Director of Planning and Transportation – agenda item 6).

5.1 The Director of Planning & Transportation introduced the report. He tabled a letter received from Taylor Wessing since the report had been circulated advising that, as a result of ongoing negotiations in respect of the Works Agreement, Railtrack had agreed that their liability would be broader. The Director informed the Committee that the impact of this was to reduce the risk

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assessment set out in the report by some 80%-90%. Furthermore the current financial position as set out in the report was the best the officers felt could be put forward at the present time.

5.2 Members of the Committee had received a letter from Councillor Pamela Batty, Hyde Park Ward Member, emphasising the considerable local support for the LTVA to proceed

5.3 RESOLVED:

- (a) That the position on the project funding and measures implemented to securing additional third party funding, be noted.
- (b) That Option 4, set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report, be adopted to enable the project to proceed.
- (c) That on receipt of a signed collaboration agreement from BAA and Railtrack, committing those organisations to their share of the necessary funding, the Director of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, be authorised to agree any amendments to contract detail deemed necessary to engross the contract accordingly for the design and implementation of the LTVA Main Bridge and Civil Works as previously reported.
- (d) That the financial authority for the project be extended to £58.14 million, of which the City Councils contribution is anticipated to be £20.6 million, and that the Director of Planning and Transportation be delegated authority to agree an amendment within a range of plus or minus one percent (£581K).
- (e) That the officers be instructed to pursue all possible options to secure additional financial contributions towards the cost of the project.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- There is a Parliamentary Undertaking to deliver the project.
- There is a significant risk to the project if the enabling works contractor is further prevented from starting his contracted works, thus allowing him to terminate his contract.
- There is a risk to the project if the main bridge and civil contract is not engrossed in the near future as the main contractor may elect not to sign the contract.
- Project uncertainties have given rise to delays and increased cost and proceeding on the basis of option 4 minimises further delay to the project and the outturn.

7.6 END OF MEETING

6.1 The meeting ended at 6.27pm.

Chairman

Date

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