

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: PADDINGTON LONG TERM VEHICLE ACCESS

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Standing Order 40, the Director of Planning & Transportation has taken the following executive decisions following the circulation of a confidential report on the above mentioned subject to the Urgency Committee of the Cabinet.

Summary of Decisions:

- (a) Agreed to adopt Option 1 of the four options set out under paragraph 4.3, which enables the project to proceed (Option 2, Project abandonment, and Options 3 and 4, which defer a decision, were not recommended).
- (b) To agree, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administrative Services, 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.
- (c) Agreed to extend the financial authority for the project to £62.5 million of which the City Councils contribution is anticipated to be £22.75 million.
- (d) To increase the financial authority for the individual contracts accordingly in accordance with the revised cost plan.

Reasons for Decisions:

There is a Parliamentary Undertaking to deliver the project. There is a signed Collaboration Agreement binding the Funding Partners to deliver the project unless unanimously agreed otherwise. The implications of abandoning the project if unanimously agreed by the Funding Partners may need to be further considered. If the City Council were to unilaterally abandon the project, it would have to defend any claim made against it on the grounds that costs had risen to such an extent that they were no longer reasonable. 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. The proposed strategy minimises further delay to the project and the outturn cost.

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