

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Peray Ahmet (Chair)

85. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Councillor Ahmet referred those present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting and asked that those present reviewed and noted the information contained therein.

86. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

88. COMMISSION NETWORK RAIL TO UNDERTAKE STRENGTHENING OF THE BRIDGE

Councillor Ahmet noted the report which sought to vary an existing agreement in accordance with Contract Standing Orders 10.2.2 with Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd for payment of a contribution to Network Rail to carry out the bridge strengthening which has been progressed by Network Rail through their works contractor. It was noted that there would be no additional cost to the Council, as TfL have agreed to fund the full cost.

RESOLVED that a variation to Haringey Council's agreement with Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd to increase the contribution to Network Rail (as the owner of Wightman Road Bridge) towards the costs of the bridge strengthening improvement works to the sum of £1,034,000 be approved, with the overall cost of the anticipated final account to be £4,329,000, and Network Rail's contribution to be capped at £695,000.

Reasons for decision

Haringey Council, as Highway Authority, must meet the EU regulations that Highway structures must be maintained in good condition and are able to carry heavy goods vehicles up to 40 Tonnes.

Alternative options considered

Network Rail and Haringey Council have a statutory responsibility to maintain the Wightman Road bridge and the highway respectively. The alternative course of action

would have been to leave the bridge works incomplete. This would have likely resulted in legal action being taken against Haringey by both Network Rail and their contractors.

The project has now been completed. The cost has increased due to design changes and unforeseen circumstances on site. These primarily were firstly re-design of the deck to reduce loads on the existing abutments and secondly detection of unknown statutory plant.

Funding has already been allocated by TfL for the additional costs. The approval of this report will enable Haringey to raise the existing purchase order in order to pay Network Rail for the outstanding costs of the works.

89. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR: Councillor Peray Ahmet

Signed by Chair

Date