

PUBLIC REPORT
(not for publication)

Report to	CABINET	<i>Exempt information paragraph number – if private report.</i>
Report of: Date of Decision:	Acting Strategic Director of Economy 19th April 2016	
SUBJECT:	CENTENARY SQUARE PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: FULL BUSINESS CASE AND CONTRACT AWARD	
Key Decision: Yes	Relevant Forward Plan Ref: 001415/2016	
If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)	Chief Executive approved <input type="checkbox"/> O&S Chairman approved <input type="checkbox"/>	
Relevant Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Tahir Ali - Development ,Transport and Economy Councillor Stewart Stacey - Cabinet Member Commissioning, Contracting and Improvement	
Relevant O&S Chairman:	Cllr Victoria Quinn, Economy, Skills and Sustainability Cllr Waseem Zaffar, Corporate Resources	
Wards affected:	Ladywood	

LATE REPORT
* To be completed for all late reports, ie. which cannot be despatched with the agenda papers ie. 5 clear working days notice before meeting.
<p>Reasons for Lateness</p> <p>The report was delayed in order to ensure that certain matters which will be of material significance to the project were resolved and clarified within the report prior to approval. This included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity on matters regarding the procurement, appointment and the award of contract to the design and build partner. • Clarity on the design of the scheme and the new square's ability to allow flexible use and accommodate major events. <p>Reasons for Urgency</p> <p>The report needs to be considered as business as usual and considered within the pre-election period and approved by Cabinet on 19th April 2016. Any delays will have significant impacts on the deliverability of the project;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project seriously risks forfeiting its £10.55m Enterprise Zone Grant if the scheme does not meet the proposed timescales within the grant application to the Enterprise Zone Executive Board. This will render the project unfeasible. • It is essential to construct the project between January 2017 and summer 2018, when no events have been booked. Any delay in the Cabinet decision will have a direct implication on the January 2017 start on site and consequently any events booked from summer 2018. • Missing this date will have a severe 'knock on' affect to the project's delivery programme, and delay the scheme significantly. The project needs to coordinate its programme with

neighbouring developments, including the Paradise Forum, Metro, Arena Central and HSBC. Any slippage in the City's programme will create significant difficulties in synchronising its delivery with the other projects. This will be received negatively by all the neighbouring partners, stakeholders and interested parties to the scheme.