

Part Five: Processes & Next Steps

Process

In order to deliver the step change to York's streets and spaces that are outlined in this document, three things need to happen:

- The council's City Design Group must continue to be supported and all design decisions and maintenance plans should be assessed and approved by the group.
- It would also be greatly beneficial for the council to set up and support a York Design Panel to have an external oversight of design as recommended by the National Planning Policy Framework.
- The design and maintenance of public spaces must be linked into the management of their uses. This is particularly important when it comes to access & mobility issues and the setting and ambience of historic buildings, fixtures, fittings and the historic environment generally.
- It is also essential that the city council continues to have access to appropriate specialist advice and guidance as part of the design group, the development management process and policy development.

The decision making process is detailed in the flow diagram on the following page.

Membership of the City Design Group

It recommended that the council's internal Design Group membership should include the following specialisms:

- Conservation architect
- City centre management
- Highway maintenance
- Public transport policy
- Accessibility
- Highway design
- Highway policy
- Events and marketing
- Urban design
- Landscape design
- Access and mobility specialist

Key documents

The following documents are essential reading for any proposed highway maintenance or design work and should be read in conjunction with appropriate regulatory frameworks.

References to these documents appear within this streets and spaces strategy and guidance where appropriate.

General

This way to better streets: 10 case studies on improving street design: CABE, 2007

Manual for Streets 1 Department for Transport, 2007

Manual for Streets 2 Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation, 2010

Accessibility

Inclusive Mobility Department for Transport, 2002

York City Centre Access & Mobility Audit Draft Centre for Accessible Environments, 2012

Conservation and design

Streets for All: A guide to the management of London's streets English Heritage 2004

Streets for All: Yorkshire and the Humber English Heritage, 2005

This way to better streets: 10 case studies on improving street design: CABE, 2007

Standards & Principles for Designing Cycling Infrastructure: City of York Council, 2011

Signs and clutter

Reducing Sign Clutter Dept. for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 01/13, 2013

Surfacing

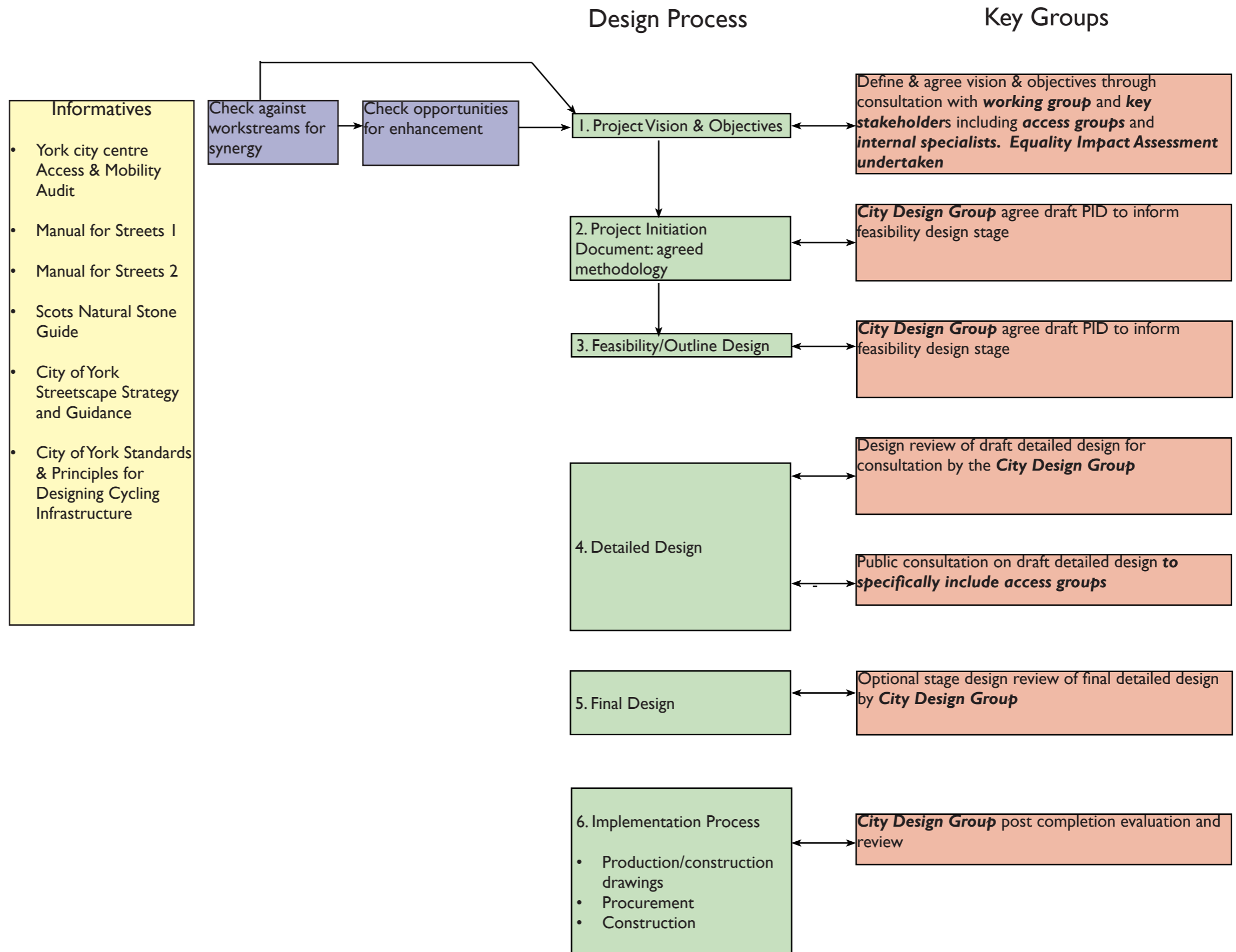
Scots Natural Stone Surfacing - Good Practice Guide Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland, 2000

The Suffolk Materials Manual, Design guidelines for the choice of surface materials: Suffolk County Council, 2007

Process diagram

This diagram explains the process of developing a highway improvement project in consultation with key groups including the City Design Group. A highway improvement project includes the annual maintenance programme and annual cycle of statutory utility companies annual repair and renewal programmes.

Maintenance and renewal schemes will have a shorter more simplified version without public consultation but the process should remain the same.



Next steps 2014 -2015

- Update existing specifications for laying natural stone and pre-cast materials for streets and spaces in accordance with the guidance in this document.
- Review existing guidelines and memoranda of agreements for utility companies and refresh in accordance with the guidance in this document.
- Develop short medium and long term action plans and detailed pallet of materials for each priority location that will deliver a step change in enhancing York's streets and spaces in accordance with the principles and guidance in this document.
- Adopt a clear policy and process for managing public streets and spaces in accordance with the principles and guidance in this document.
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- Carry out a review of policy on the licensing and control of amplified street performers
- Consider a ban on 'A' boards in the city centre.
- Consider bringing forward a ban on all 'for sale' and to 'let signs' in conservation areas.
- Carry out a review of all Traffic Regulation Orders to identify out-of-date or unnecessary traffic signs and continue with de-cluttering the city.
- Roll out an audit of street clutter to include priority locations A, B & C.
- Continue to roll out a programme of seat replacement for unsatisfactory seating and install new seats in locations identified in this guidance in Priority A locations
- Carry out an audit of existing seating in priority locations B & C and replace and renew in accordance with the audit findings and the City of York Access & Mobility Audit.

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