

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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FOR INFORMATION

COLNE LEVELLING UP FUND – HERITAGE QUARTER UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the Heritage Quarter projects as part of the Levelling Up Fund.

ISSUE

The Colne Levelling Up Fund includes £3.47m for the Colne Heritage Quarter project. This includes investment in The Muni, Hippodrome and Little Theatre to provide new and enhanced facilities to underpin the growth in the night-time economy of Colne. The investment will encourage the community to engage in arts, culture and heritage to support mental health and well-being. Progress on each of the schemes is set out below:

The Muni

Works to the Muni will include Electrical Condition Upgrades and upgrade to the central heating system, dry rot works, repair to the quadrangle, glazing replacement, new toilets and box office as well as a complete redecoration.

The project remains on target to have the designs agreed and planning secured by December 2022. Some works have started on site with emergency works having been completed on electrical and dry rot issues. The works are due to be completed by March 2025.

Pendle Hippodrome

The long term aim following the acquisition of the former Derby Arms Hotel is to create additional and improved facilities. The former public house has been re-roofed and secured for future development along with the Hippodrome.

The scheme is looking to provide improvements to thermal insulation, the installation of air source heat pumps and solar panels to supplement and reduce energy costs, renew emergency lighting and battery bank, external brickwork chemical clean to original finish, a rot survey and restitution, and improvements to stage equipment, including LiteDeck winches, lighting, tower scaffold and replace the house curtain. Finally the Hippodrome will be re-decorated and front of house the carpet will be replaced. A planning application is being drafted and it is hoped to appoint the main contractor before the end of the year.

Little Theatre

The proposed scheme for the Little Theatre includes an extension, some internal improvements including minor alterations to the internal stairs, corridor and stage area, and some external works to the car park including soft landscaping.

Planning permission has now been obtained and a structural engineer has been appointed. The works are due to be completed by March 2025.

IMPLICATIONS

- Policy:** None arising directly from the report.
- Financial:** None arising directly from the report.
- Legal:** None arising directly from the report.
- Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.
- Health and Safety:** None arising directly from the report.
- Sustainability:** None arising directly from the report.
- Community Safety:** None arising directly from the report.
- Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES None

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to the Policy and Resources Committee: 25th November, 2021 'Levelling Up Fund'