

**REPORT FROM:** Director of Place

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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## **FOR INFORMATION**

### **COLNE LEVELLING UP FUND PROGRAMME UPDATE JUNE 2023**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on Colne Levelling Up Fund projects.

#### **ISSUE**

The Colne Levelling Up Fund (LUF) projects consist of the Heritage Quarter and Colne Market, this report provides an update of the status of both projects:

##### **Heritage Quarter**

Works are proceeding to schedule at the Municipal Theatre with completion due in time for the Pantomime season.

The works programme for the Hippodrome has been finalised and confirmed with work commencing on Monday 3 July 2023 and proceeding for around 11-12 months in total. Some productions will be able to take place during this time, while works are concentrated in the former public house building.

The Little Theatre project is currently at contracting stage, with works due to commence within a few weeks.

##### **Market Hall**

The Colne Market Working Group has met, consisting of two representatives each from the PBC Executive Committee, Colne and District Area Committee, Colne Town Council, and Market Traders.

The outcome of the meeting was a recommendation back to Pendle Borough Council to submit the planning application for the project based on slightly revised proposals to include the solid rear wall

of the food hall being changed to a glazed partition. The final design adjustments are currently being considered prior to submission of the planning application in July 2023.

Liaison is currently taking place with the traders to include what temporary arrangements could be put in place for traders during the works period. A number of traders have already found alternative accommodation and/or left the market hall.

The programme of works is under review, but subject to planning permission may be able to start later this year.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Colne Market Newsletter, June 2023.