

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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FOR INFORMATION

COLNE LEVELLING UP FUND PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 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

Structural issues have been identified to the tower at the Municipal Theatre, and some of the internal ceilings have also fallen away during decorating works. Liberata are currently assessing the budgetary and programming implications of these issues.

Works are proceeding to schedule and budget at the Hippodrome Theatre. Some productions are continuing to take place during this time, while works are concentrated in the former public house building.

Works have commenced at The Little Theatre and are proceeding to schedule and within the anticipated cost envelope.

Market Hall

The Planning Application for the Market Hall has been submitted and validated. Determination is expected in December, to allow for a January start to construction works ahead of a 15 month build programme.

Quarterbridge Consultants have been procured to advise on options for the future operation of the market, the new foodhall and the internal layout of the new market stalls. They will be conducting stakeholder interviews to inform their work over coming weeks.

Proposals for the temporary fit-out of Poundland have been agreed with Building Control subject to their final sign-off of operating procedures which have been submitted to them. Fit out works are expected to commence on 9th October. No 6 Richmond Court will be fitted out to accommodate the Market Hall's Butcher and Greengrocer during the Market Hall refurbishment.

The impact of Lancashire Highways' Bus Service Improvement Plan proposals for Colne on the Market Hall public realm and servicing arrangements are currently being reviewed by Officers.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.