

REPORT FROM: Director of Place

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For Information

Colne Levelling Up Fund Programme Update for Period December 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 on the status of both projects:

Heritage Quarter

Liberata have updated the projected cost plan for the Municipal Theatre project incorporating known costs and accurate estimates and are projecting to complete the project within the c£1,563,000 LUF funding envelope.

Liberata have issued a revised confirmed construction programme which shows completion around June/July 2024. This coincides with anticipated completion at the Hippodrome Theatre where works continue to proceed to schedule and budget.

Some productions are continuing to take place during this time (including the pantomime, relocated from the Municipal Theatre), while works are concentrated in the former public house building.

Works are proceeding at The Little Theatre and despite some site delays caused by the incessant rain in December are proceeding towards completion early in 2024 and within the anticipated cost envelope.

Market Hall

A decision notice has been issued for the Market Hall planning application and arrangements are now being made for prompt start of construction works.

Quarterbridge Consultants are continuing their review of options for the future operation of the market, the new foodhall and the internal layout of the new market stalls. Several meetings have already taken place with stakeholders.

Works to Poundland have been completed and traders successfully moved across after Christmas and are now trading. Construction work is now taking place in Richmond Court to provide temporary accommodation for the Butcher and Greengrocer from the end of January 2024.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.