

**REPORT FROM:** Director of Place

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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### **For Information**

## **Colne Levelling Up Fund Programme Update for Period February 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 report that all work is now proceeding well and they are confident that all 'unknowns' have now been discovered on the Municipal Theatre project. This leads to greater confidence that despite increases in costs over and above the original contracted sum, works will be completed within the c.£1,563,000 LUF funding envelope. Works are progressing in line with the revised construction programme advised to the Area Committee in the December update which shows completion around June / July 2024.

Works continue to programme and budget at the Hippodrome Theatre where works are due to complete by June 2024 as per original programme. The Little Theatre is also proceeding within the anticipated cost envelope and is due to complete in early April 2024.

#### **Market Hall**

Works have been completed in the reporting period to Richmonds Court allowing the Butcher and Greengrocer to complete their relocation from the Market Hall.

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 and they are now moving into the report writing phase.

Preparatory work has started within the Market Hall with the removal of loose fixtures and fittings. No work has been carried out on building fabric itself pending results of the intrusive Asbestos Survey which has now been carried out and will inform the detailed construction schedule which will be shared with the Area Committee as soon as it is ready.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**None.**