

REPORT FROM: Director of Place

TO: Colne and District Committee

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For Information

Colne Levelling Up Fund Programme Update for Period March 2024

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

Works on the Municipal Theatre continue in line with the revised construction programme for completion around July 2024. No further 'unknowns' are anticipated and works are projected to be completed within the C£1,563,000 LUF funding envelope.

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 still on track to complete in early April 2024.

Scheduled productions at the Hippodrome and Little Theatre have proceeded as planned.

Market Hall

All Market Hall tenants and traders have now been relocated except for Boots Opticians. The opportunity to relocate to the vacant PEARL unit opposite the Market Hall remains open and PEARL are currently endeavouring to confirm fit out requirements with the Boots Estates team.

In the meantime, works to the Market Hall can proceed while Boots Opticians remain open, with safe access provided for customers.

Preparatory work has continued within the Market Hall with the removal of loose fixtures and fittings. Final detailed arrangements are currently being made between the Pendle Borough Council's Programme and Project Management teams and PEARL and Barnfield Construction Limited to allow for construction works to commence in earnest. This includes firming up the detailed construction schedule which will be shared with the Area Committee as soon as it is ready.

Quarterbridge Consultants are nearing completion of their review of options for the future operation of the market, the new foodhall and the internal layout of the new market stalls. Officers have met with Quarterbridge to ensure all aspects of their brief have been satisfied and Quarterbridge are now finalising their submission accordingly.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.