

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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For Information

Colne Levelling Up Fund Programme Update for Period May 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

Work is nearing completion under budget on the Hippodrome Theatre with handover scheduled for 3 July, a little ahead of the original programme.

Works at the Municipal Theatre continue with completion scheduled by the 22nd August 2024; in time for the Blues Festival.

Market Hall

Works on site are continuing. Asbestos removal has started, the canopy at the front has been dismantled and removed. Other internal and external strip out works are continuing.

Options for the internal layout to accommodate the low ceilings at the front of the market hall are under development and should be complete in July.

Quarterbridge Consultants are still in the process of finalising their report on the future operation of the Market. An advanced draft version has been circulated.

The Project Team continue to review proposals for future phases to satisfy more fully the original LUF bid for more accommodation and a Cinema.

The Project Team are looking at the feasibility of relocating the outdoor market to Hartley Square during the works period.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.