

REPORT FROM: Director of Place

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For Information

Colne Levelling Up Fund Programme Update for April 2025

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. The Heritage Quarter projects are complete. This report provides an update on the status of the Market Hall project.

Market Hall

Work continues to proceed well and within agreed budget envelopes on the Shell works with the roof complete and the new cladding nearing completion. The canopy at the front has been demolished and the new elevation is being installed. Windows and glazing are being fitted and the building will soon be water-tight.

Internally the additional demolition works necessitated by the change from residential to employment usage at first floor are well advanced. Removal of the internal perimeter wall at first floor level has transformed the market hall environment internally introducing light and space and the opportunity to view the ground floor from a first-floor gallery 'walkway'.

Fit out works will commence once these additional first floor works packages are complete and the demolition crew will shortly be moving to the basement to remove internal partitions to provide for more generous and useable internal storage space.

The invitation to tender for a new external market operator has been advertised with four firm expressions of interest, three of whom have visited the site prior to submitting their tenders.

A change of use planning application for the first floor has been submitted.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.