

Report to: Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group

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Progress Update on Exmouth Town and Seafront

Report summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a summary of progress with Placemaking in Exmouth that the Place and Prosperity Team is involved in since the last update on the 23rd of January 2024.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

- a) That members of the Group note the progress and preparation for the season.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that members are informed on the type of work that the team is undertaking and any work that is relevant to their ward.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Communications and Democracy
- Economy
- Finance and Assets
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Culture

Equalities Impact Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; The report is to note an update on progress since our last meeting

Climate change Low Impact

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Links to background information

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
 - A greener East Devon
 - A resilient economy
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Report in full

1.1 General Update

- All five food and beverage pitches have now been let for the season.
- Some ‘facelift’ work was carried out at Queen’s Drive from existing (2023/24) budget this was mainly the parasols over the tables and potentially some repairs to the seating.
- The Events Space was marketed in January by our colleagues in Streetscene in the hope of attracting a reliable operator – we received one proposal that was suitable who was aiming [at the time of writing] to start operations by the 2nd May Bank Holiday
- Council staff have agreed to work with the traders to try to put together a launch day for the season and also to facilitate entertainment in the trader’s area (around the food pitches).
- At the time of writing the Events Team had received proposals for 24 events to take place in the traders area on Queens Drive which we hope will provide a much needed boost.

1.2 Levelling up Fund Bid – Destination Exmouth/Exmouth Gateway

- On the 8th of May 2024 DCC’s Cabinet made the following recommendation:
“That the Cabinet be asked to:
 - note the results of the Consultation and
 - approve the removal of the Exmouth Gateway proposals from the Destination Exmouth Levelling Up Fund (LUF) package”.

Financial implications:

There are no new financial implications identified.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications requiring comment at this time.