

Report to: Asset Management Forum



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Report on Progress in Placemaking in Exmouth

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.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That Members note the content of this report.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that Members of AMF are aware of the type of work that the team is undertaking.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

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

Equalities impact Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; With any asset based projects, particularly where development is taking place, there are risks involved. However as we are still at the formative stage with Placemaking in Exmouth the risks are relatively low – singly the greatest risk would be the position of the Exmouth

Queen's Drive Delivery Group and the Council's positions failing to align in an agreed plan for Exmouth.

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

Exmouth Queen's Drive Delivery Group

- 1.1 In January 2022 the Council appointed a dedicated resource to help to support the Exmouth Queen's Drive Delivery Group. With this resource now in place the Group has made good progress.
- 1.2 The Group agreed to a workshop to identify the Themes and Characteristics of successful Placemaking in Exmouth.
- 1.3 The workshop which was held on the 6th of April 2022 which recommended to Cabinet that they support a change the groups Terms of Reference to look at the whole of Exmouth and that the outcomes of the workshop is to be consulted on publicly for 8 week in June and July of 2022.
- 1.4 Cabinet are expected to approve the changes to the ToR and the Consultation in June of 2022
- 1.5 Following this a consultation exercise will be completed and a report brought back to the Delivery Group in August/September of 2022 where the findings will be collated.
- 1.6 In addition to working directly with the Group, extensive networking has also taken place with stakeholders in Exmouth.

Queen's Drive Space

- 1.7 Uptake for concessions for this season have been generally good and the feedback from providers has been positive.
- 1.8 LED were unable to take up the concession for the fitness space, however alternative providers are currently being considered.
- 1.9 The Temporary uses planning consent has been approved and is now permanent as at 13th of April.

Bids for funding

- 1.10 We have the opportunity to submit a levelling up bid in July 22. The bid will look particularly at the resubmission of a bid for Exmouth – similar to the round 1 bid and led by DCC with emphasis on the Dinan Way highway scheme but including an exciting 'Gateway' element, aligned more closely with the Dinan Way element, and also evidencing a real improvement in place making / linkages to the natural environment / sustainable transport for the town centre itself.
- 1.11 The bid is supported by Simon Jupp MP. Whilst DCC are leading, EDDC are contributing particularly in respect of the 'Gateway' and town centre elements. Working with DCC we have held a workshop in May with relevant Councillors and other key stakeholders to help

shape the 'Gateway' and town centre elements. Ideas that came forward at that workshop are now being explored, designed and costed so as to be included in the round 2 bid.

- 1.12 A report is proposed to a Special Cabinet of 29th June to seek the formal support of EDDC Cabinet to the bid being submitted by DCC.

Local Development Plan

- 1.13 In May of 2022, 21 sites in Exmouth were put forward for the Local Development Plan which members will get the opportunity to consider a part of the consultation process.

Financial implications:

This report is an update report with a recommendation to note progress, therefore there is no direct financial implication to highlight.

Legal implications:

There is no direct comment to be made in relation to this report, each and any individual issue will need to be considered as it arises.