

Report to: Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group

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Progress Update on Placemaking In Exmouth

Report summary:

This report summarises progress since the Group's last meeting of the 19th July 2022.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

- a) That members of the Group note the progress since our last meeting of 19th July 2022.

Reason for recommendation:

To keep members advised on progress

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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; The report is just 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

Report in full

Queen's Drive

- 1.1 The fairground provider took up occupancy on the 07.07.22 at the Queen's Drive Space (QDS) and then departed 3 weeks later without any notice or contact. This is disappointing as this has impacted negatively on the other traders due to the loss of footfall.
- 1.2 South West Soccer were interested in hiring the fitness space on Queen's Drive, Exmouth (the grass area between the Dinosaur Park & Car Park) during the month of August 2022 which the team pursued. Unfortunately this only lasted for a week due to lack of interest.
- 1.3 We have scheduled a debriefing meeting with the traders on Queen's Drive Space to discuss opportunities for next year and to determine what can be done to support the activities onsite. A verbal update on the outcomes will be shared at the meeting.
- 1.4 We have sent correspondence re signposting to car parks in Exmouth via Andrew Ennis as the issue was raised on the 8th March 2022.

The internal response is as follows:-

As part of the placemaking plan for Exmouth EDDC will examine the need for additional signage and subject to budget and if it is agreed with colleagues in DCC's Highways Team that additional signage is needed we will seek to implement.

Colleagues in Devon County Council have advised:

The Highways team in DCC have no current budget for any additional signs only for the maintenance of existing.

1.5 Placemaking in Exmouth Consultation

The Consultation exercise commenced in early June and is the subject of one of today's papers.

1.6 Levelling up Fund Bid

The bid, led by colleagues in Devon County Council, was submitted and a letter of support has been issued by both EDDC and Exmouth Town Council as has match funding. With the Government Leadership contest over recent months any announcements maybe delayed but we hope to hear the outcome in November 2022.

1.7 Redgates Development Salterton Road Exmouth

East Devon District Council is pursuing the opportunity to accept the transfer at 'nil consideration' of the freehold of land with the opportunity to develop 4 commercial units as part of the Developer's Planning obligation by Unilateral Undertaking under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to Land to the South of Redgates, Salterton Road, Exmouth.

EDDC Officers in conjunction with Cllr Hayward as Portfolio Holder are negotiating the Heads of Terms with McCarthy and Stone to enable this transfer to take place subject to a satisfactory build and sign-off of same.

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implications from the recommendation/s in the report

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications identified that require comment.