

Report to: Asset Management Forum



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Place & Prosperity Team Update

Report summary:

The report provides a summary of the various projects that the Place and Prosperity Team are currently involved in.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That the Asset Management Forum note the report.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that members of the Asset Management Forum are informed about project 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

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; Projects which involve considering the future uses of council owned assets involves a level of risk be it financial or reputational. These would be reported to cabinet at the relevant time when recommendations are being made to take a project forward for delivery.

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. HAYNE LANE, HONITON:

- 1.1 The consultants are making progress with the masterplan which is now almost finalised. Consultation is intended for November / December 2022 before reporting back to Cabinet.

2. SEATON JURASSIC

- 2.1 The marketing of the site has now been concluded and Seaton Tramway has been identified as the preferred tenant for the site. Negotiations will now commence on the Heads of Terms for the lease.

3. BEACH HUTS

- 3.1 The Team has discussed this project with local ward members in August. Following further discussions, it has been decided to bring this forward as a capital project for 2023/24. Work on the replacement of the huts would take place in late 2023 or early 2024 if the capital budget is approved. This project will now be taken forward by colleagues in the Property and Facilities Management team.

4. DRILL HALL, SIDMOUTH

- 4.1 The lease is due to complete before the AMF meeting on 4 November and it is expected that Rockfish will commence their work on detailed design and liaison with their contractor in November with a view to actual works commencing in February next year to tie in with the completion of works on their site in Topsham.

5. AXE VALLEY LEVELLING UP FUNDING BID.

- 5.1 A Levelling Up Funding bid was submitted in August following an extension to the deadline. We are currently awaiting the outcome of this bid which is expected towards the end of the year. In the meantime, as reported to Cabinet in October, we are in the process of engaging project management consultants to advise on preparatory work that can be undertaken in advance of any outcome, and which will be beneficial anyway if the bid is unsuccessful.

6. SEATON MORIDUNUM

6.1 This site has been included in the bid for Levelling Up Funding. We are currently awaiting the outcome of the bid. The Team continues to work with the developer of Fosseyway Court to facilitate their development and to ensure that the council's own land is safely maintained.

7. DEVON PLACE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

7.1 Following a number of meetings with the Stakeholder Groups over the summer and a series of focussed workshops to discuss relevant issues for Axminster and Seaton, the DCC appointed consultants Hardisty Jones, are currently finalising the Regeneration Strategies. Each Strategy will identify Quick win projects for the towns as well as a key project which will be the subject of a detailed Business Case ensuring that it is "bid ready" for any subsequent funding opportunities that come forward.

8. COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT REVIEW

8.1 The following activities have been or are being undertaken:

- Revision of the scoring matrices have now been completed.
- Consideration to the revised governance is being re-developed to take into account of the desire to involve key Cabinet Members and Ward Members (or other member forum) so that the views can be captured.
- A revised Investment Framework is being drafted and should come forward for consideration later this year.
- A draft will be considered by AMF in due course before a recommendation is given to Cabinet.
- It is hoped that subject to Cabinet and Council approvals, to have an Investment Fund in place by the Winter of 2022 (noting the Full Council will have to approve any budget allocation)
- See link to previous report to Asset Management Forum in 2021.

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implications in the recommendation of the report.

Legal implications:

'The report does not raise any legal implications requiring comment.'