

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 13th December 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 13th December 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

- 1.1 Leases are being progressed by the Estates Team and Legal Services for the pitches at Queen's Drive.
- 1.2 The planning consent for the fitness area at Queen's Drive (which expires in July 2023) has now been submitted via the planning portal. Legal are now progressing the lease with LED.
- 1.3 The Events Space was marketed as agreed to see if we could attract a reliable operator either for the whole season or for the summer holidays, we had no interest by the closing date (6th of December 22). Some further marketing has been carried out on social media but again there has been little or no interest (bearing in mind it must be compliant with the planning consent conditions).
- 1.4 Carpark signage – we have identified the location and are awaiting confirmation from DCC.
- 1.5 The planning application for the Strand's tables and chairs (The current permission expires in September 2023) has been submitted via the planning portal. Legal Services have now been asked to prepare the leases.
- 1.6 We have been advised that the mural on the rear wall of the Pavilion will not now commence until April 2023.
- 1.7 Placemaking in Exmouth Consultation

Following a desktop exercise using the Crown Commercial Framework, supported by colleagues in Devon County Council we are pleased to advise that we plan to appoint WSP to take forward the placemaking plan for Exmouth Town and Seafront (subject to contract and a pre commencement meeting).

Draft Key milestones Place making in Exmouth:

Placemaking Task	RAG Status: Red = not delivered Amber = Delayed Green = on Target
Getting Consensus April 22 (date TBC)	Green
Consultation with Delivery Group May 22	Green
Cabinet approval to consult June 22	Green
Feedback on consultation has slipped due to staff member being off ill – analysis to be completed by 30.09.22	Amber
PETS group 18.10.20	Green
Cabinet 02.11.22	Green
Full Council (budget request) 07.12.22	Green
Next Tasks Provisionally	Green
Approval of ToR for place making Autumn 22	Green
Procurement for ToR Dec 22 (we may progress this subject to final approval to get it moving post cabinet)	Green
Draft options to Delivery group Spring/Summer 2023	Green
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approval to move to feasibility, detailed design and costing 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation phase 	

1.8 Levelling up Fund Bid

The bid, led by colleagues in Devon County Council, was successful and has secured £15,765,899 for the road at Dinan Way and the Destination Exmouth/Gateway project. We await a letter of offer and will work in support of our colleagues in Devon County Council.

There has been an initial inception meeting with the Dept for Transport DfT, and the first steps are to mobilise project teams – and briefs for this have been issued.

For Dinan Way, DCC are commencing the land assembly in the first instance and have instructed our land agents.

For Exmouth Gateway, the initial task will be to confirm the designs before commencing a public consultation – we will need to review our stakeholder list for this.

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implications from the recommendations in this report.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications from this update report.