

Report to: Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group

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Progress Update on Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront

Report summary:

This report summarises progress since the Group's previous meeting of the 14th March 2023.

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 previous meeting of 14th March 2023.

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 The planning consent for the fitness area at Queen's Drive (which expires in July 2023) has now been granted for its temporary use for a further 2 years.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 Carpark signage – we have identified the locations and have received confirmation from DCC on the 30.03.23 of these. In addition DCC have put together a schedule for the signing works which they have sent over to their contractors for a quote. They have looked at and identified a number of places that require signs to adequately direct drivers and link in with the current signage.
- 1.4 The planning application for the Strand's tables and was submitted via the planning portal chairs in February (The current permission expires in September 2023). However there has been a slight delay with the determination report which is now due to be issued in May/June of 2023. Given that the current consent is still live this isn't an issue of concern.
- 1.5 We have been advised that the mural on the rear wall of the Pavilion will not now commence until July of 2023 – we approved this in August of 2022.
- 1.6 Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Plan
 - 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).
 - WSP appointment progressing with JCT contract issued and first meeting set up for the 24th of April.
 - At 9th of May 2023 we were still finalising the details of the contract with WSP.

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)	
Consultation with Delivery Group May 22	
Cabinet approval to consult June 22	
Feedback on consultation has slipped due to staff member being off ill – analysis to be completed by 30.09.22	This was completed by the revised date of 30.09.22.
PETS group 18.10.22	
Cabinet 02.11.22	
Full Council (budget request) 07.12.22	
Next Tasks Provisionally	
Approval of ToR for place making Autumn 22	
Procurement for ToR Dec 22 (we may progress this subject to final approval to get it moving post cabinet)	
Draft options to Delivery group Spring/Summer 2023	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approval to move to feasibility, detailed design and costing 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation phase 	

1.7 Levelling up Fund Bid – Destination Exmouth

- 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.

Destination Exmouth = Dinan Way Extension + Exmouth Gateway

£15.69m LUF sought (£13.19m + £2.5m match funding)

- DCC are still waiting for their DfT payments to come through so there has been limited progress to date. However, DCC have land agents appointed for Dinan Way and are starting negotiations. DCC also have a design team at WSP appointed for the Gateway. We need to do a public consultation for those proposals and we are keen to try to get that delivered before the summer holidays.
- DCC's Project Manager for the Exmouth Gateway will be doing a site visit shortly.

Financial implications:

There are no new financial implications identified.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications requiring comment at this time.