

Report to: Placemaking in Exmouth Town and Seafront Group

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Progress Update on Exmouth Town and Seafront

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 since the last update on the 7th November 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 and preparation for the new season.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that members are informed on the type of work that the team is undertaking and any work that is relevant to their ward.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

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

Equalities Impact Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; The report is to note an update on progress since our last meeting

Climate change Low Impact

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Links to background information

- a) Appendix A Exmouth Active Travel Promotional Material

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

1.1 General Update

- Following an end of season meeting with the traders we have received requests from 4 out of the 5 pitches on Queen's Drive to renew for another season. Colleagues in Asset Management and Legal Services are currently preparing the leases.
- We are currently costing some 'facelift' work at Queen's Drive from existing budget this is mainly the covers over the tables and potentially some lighting which doesn't stand the weather well in this location.
- The Vacant Pitch on Queen's Drive will be marketed in January by Asset Management colleagues to try to ensure full occupancy for this season.
- The Events Space will be Marketed in January by our colleagues in Streetscene in the hope of attracting a reliable operator – we have received at least 2 informal expressions of interest prior to marketing the pitch.
- Council staff have agreed to work with the traders to try to put together a launch day for the season and also to facilitate entertainment in the traders area (around the food pitches).

1.2 Levelling up Fund Bid – Destination Exmouth

- Council officers met with Devon County colleagues on the 11th of December to discuss the Levelling up Project (AKA Exmouth Active Travel Improvements).
- A further consultation commenced on the 6th of December with 2 in-person events in Exmouth and some revised promotional material (shown at Appendix 1) and there is also an online link for respondents to give their views.
- EDDC Officers
- The project, led by Devon County Council, is now gathering baseline data in preparation for developing the design for the Exmouth Gateway.

Financial implications:

There are no new financial implications identified.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications requiring comment at this time.