

Revised Recommendations and addendum to Civic Quarter report

1 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources,

- 1.1 Recommends that Full Council notes the indicative capital cost budget of £55m as set out in 8.3 and approves an allocation of £3m from the existing Civic Quarter reserve for stage 3 design costs and associated on-costs.

And subject to Full Council agreement approves the recommendations below outlined in the report that includes, Concept Design Report, Public Engagement Report and the Commercial Report for the Civic Quarter including to:

- 1.2 Note the outcomes from the first Public Consultation that took place to shape the outcomes of the Concept Designs.
- 1.3 Approve to proceed to the next stage of design with a planning submission in late summer 2025 for the Guildhall, Corn Exchange, Market Square and the associated public realm, carrying out a second public consultation in Spring 2025
- 1.4 Grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to carry out a procurement process for the appointment of a contractor by Spring 2025
- 1.5 Approve the Civic Quarter Project team to work closely with the Corporate team, Market Operations team, Cultural Services team and Market traders to develop a business plan by Spring 2025 which includes:
1. Completion of the Terms and Conditions and the balance of trade work on the Market ahead of the proposed second public consultation for the Civic Quarter in Spring 2025
 2. An assessment of the revenue impact of decanting the Guildhall, Market and Corn Exchange
 3. A business plan for the operation of the future Guildhall, Market and Corn Exchange
- 1.6 Note the review by the Property Team of property assets including Mandela House to generate a capital receipt to contribute towards the Civic Quarter project.

Addendum to Civic Quarter Update Report

Following an updated set of recommendations, there is a need to clarify some of the funding allocation approvals for works that are referred to in the published committee report.

2.5.2 and 8.2.6

It is recommended that £4.5m is allocated as phase 1 to enable completion of a full roof replacement at the Corn Exchange, and this will be tabled for approval at Full Council in Autumn 2025. Approval of further funding beyond the initial £4.5m will remain subject to the agreement of the business plan. Any immediate emergency repairs required will be brought forward for approval as an out of cycle decision.

2.6.2. and 8.2.4

It is recommended that an initial capital investment of £3m is allocated as phase 1 to enable the re-surfacing works of the Market Square, and this will be tabled for approval at Full Council in Autumn 2025. Approval of further funding beyond the initial £3m will remain subject to the agreement of the business plan.

2.8.1 and 8.3

The overall estimated costs for the completion of the Guildhall and phase 1 of the Market Square and phase 1 of the Corn Exchange remain the same at £55m. With the updated recommendations, the estimate for design costs and associated on costs for RIBA Stage 3 is £3m (£2.5m design and survey fees plus £0.5m on costs). Approval is sought for this £3m at this stage. An updated cost estimate for design and associated on costs beyond RIBA Stage 3 will be tabled for approval in Autumn 2025

2.8.2 and 8.9.1 Addition of the following milestones

Full Council 28 November 2024

Full Council September 2025