

COR- Civic offices regeneration

MINUTES

Meeting title	Cross party steering group
Date	13 th February 2023
Time	14.00-15.00
Location	Teams OR Chief Executive's Conference Room

Name & initials in brackets	Role	Attendance (Present/Apols)
Cllr Steve Pitt	Portfolio Holder	Y
Cllr Kimberly Barrett	Liberal Democrat	Y
Cllr Lee Mason	Conservative	Y
Cllr Lewis Gosling	Conservative	N
Cllr George Madgwick	Independent	N
Cllr Graham Heaney	Labour	Y
Natasha Edmunds	Corporate Services	Y
James Hill	Housing	N
Meredydd Hughes	Housing	Y
Ian Maguire	Planning	Y
Tristan Samuels	Regeneration	Y
Tom Southall	Regeneration	N
Megan Carter	Regeneration	Y
Meg Dunsmoir	Regeneration	Y
Emma Davies	Faithful & Gould	Y
Paul Heal	Faithful & Gould	Y

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1	<p>Recap of progress</p> <p>MC outlined the current understanding of progress that is believed to have been made which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreement in Full Council, October 2022, highlighted the existing civic space is no longer sustainable. This was as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition survey of Civic • Accommodation review of Civic • Climate agenda 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future ways of working following the pandemic <p>2. The existing building must therefore be considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can the building be used for? • Do we have to demolish the building? • Delivery routes • Investment opportunity <p>MC established that 3 options were due to be explored. Option 1 - Maintain the existing civic offices Option 2 - Refurbishment of the existing civic offices Option 3 - Relocation of the civic offices</p> <p>Cllr Mason highlighted that a fourth option should be included: The re-provision on the current site.</p>	
2	<p>Project Update</p> <p>In consideration of previous work completed the project has been split into 2 workstreams.</p> <p>Workstream 1: New Civic office space Civic council to respond to future ways of working Location to reduce costs</p> <p>Workstream 2: Existing location regeneration Repurpose the existing building to benefit the city of Portsmouth Cost effective for the local authority</p>	
3	<p>Workstream 1 update</p> <p>Faithful and Gould have been appointed to provide a business case and evidence base to establish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we vacate the Civic Offices for the site to be redeveloped and the re-provision of council offices on a much smaller site in the city centre • Should we remain in the existing building if it is refurbished • Costed proposals for alternative working solutions for the Civic Offices functions, including travel expenses and parking • Current running costs for the council in addition to a breakdown per Department, including working from home overheads 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative income generating uses • Understanding market value of the civic • Delivery routes <p>MC outlined that this work will take circa 16 weeks.</p>	
4	<p>Workstream 2 update</p> <p>Work has been undertaken by Leslie Jones Architecture to look at the art of the possible. This work has explored looking at the impact of demolition, existing uses, potential uses and design ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options include: • Using existing block • Strip back to frame • Cut and remove various elements of the building • Increase/decrease height • Insert an object • Exploration of levels. <p>The group discussed how this should be explored and what does the red line look like. This must include guildhall square, existing assets and surrounding public realm</p> <p>NEXT STEP: Project team to establish red line for steering group to agree.</p>	COR Project team
5	<p>Project Update</p> <p>Clls highlighted progress needed to be made and there is a requirement for the cross-party steering group to continue.</p> <p>NEXT STEP: Project team to provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance structure 2. Terms of reference for group 3. Detailed programme 4. Reporting proposal <p>DECISION: This forum will be held monthly with additional provision added if required.</p> <p>Ian Maguire highlighted Historic Places Panel taking place on the 22nd & 23rd Feb.</p>	COR Project team

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	NEXT STEP: This panel will be attended by COR Project Team in order to update the steering group.	
Next meeting: 24th March 2023 16.30-17.30		