

TITLE OF REPORT: **Brief Update on Old Town Hall**

REPORT OF: **Peter Udall, Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation
and Growth**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Progress with the Old Town Hall

Members of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested an update on the progress with the Old Town Hall at their meeting on 23 January 2023.

The following update has been received from Peter Udall:

Officers briefed the Leader in November 2022 regarding progress and issues with the redevelopment of the Old Town Hall Quarter. Officers received approval to extend the Business Plan development period to allow the leaseholder to undertake further planning and viability work, but controlled via a Supplemental Agreement to the existing lease, that formalised a programme of activity and associated milestones over the next six months. These conclusion of the milestones would address issues previously raised by OSC last year.

In the first quarter of 2023, officers intend to:

- Continue working with Dinosauria and BCEGI to progress the milestones related to redevelopment, including monthly meetings.
- Agree schedule of works to secure and safeguard the buildings, and ensure regulatory approvals.
- Undertake monthly monitoring of progress and building works.

Following the conclusion of the programme of milestones, officers intend to provide a full and comprehensive update to the Leader and Cabinet, which would include Dinosauria's development proposal, and relevant recommendations for variations to the lease to facilitate redevelopment. An update to OSC would take place after Cabinet approval.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- note the update provided above.

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