

Portfolio:	Property
Portfolio Holder Name:	CLlr Tim Mander
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Agenda Item:	TC2024/7

This is my fifth report as Property Portfolio Holder and gives me an opportunity to update Full Council on progress on a number of important projects since the last Council meeting as follows:

Town Hall – I am pleased to report that full planning consent has now been granted for the Town Hall works so well done to Geoff Sawyer and our consultants for the hard work to date. This means a scope for the tender documents is being delivered and these are likely to be going out at the end of February with a start date on the changing rooms likely sometime in April. As reported previously the application to convert the former Labour Rooms to a 2-bedroom flat has not only been registered but now granted. It is proposed to get the tender documents out within the next week or so. As regards the solar panel application, whilst it is understood that the Planning Officers are recommending consent, we are still awaiting formal approval.

- Recreation Community Hub – The works re fully complete and the building operational. There are likely to be one or two small snagging issues, but this is to be expected following a major renovation.
- The Docks – I am waiting for feedback following the highly successful public consultation. There was a substantial number of responses which the Project Team are analysing and will be providing a full summary and assessment of which I will be happy to share with members.
- Bridgwater Arts Centre – As reported to the last meeting both the full and listed building application have been registered and it is understood the approval decision is imminent. I am also pleased to report that Geoff has been in discussion with the Arts Centre Board so they can manage their programme of events in line with the delay to the start of works which is now likely to run into April/May.
- Solar Panels – PV quotes are being obtained for both the Re-creation Building together with Trinity Hall. Once Rollercoaster is transferred, we will of course assess the PV opportunities.

This is a slightly shorter report due to the Christmas break and slowdown in the construction industry.

Recommendations: (if you are expecting Council to make a decision from your report)

None

