

Committees: Streets and Walkways - <i>for information</i> Projects Sub - <i>for information</i> Community and Children's Services- <i>for information</i>	Dates: 12 October 2021 20 October 2021 08 November 2021
Subject: Middlesex Street Area Phase B New Open Space Unique Project Identifier: PV Project ID: 10718	Gateway 5 Regular Progress Report
Report of: Director of the Built Environment Report Author: Leila Ben-Hassel	For Information

1. Status update	Project Description: Landscaping of Artizan Street, along with associated improvements to Middlesex Street Estate including new entrance canopy, signage and artwork RAG Status: Amber (programme) Risk Status: Low Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): £993,278 (S106 funded) Spend to Date: £641,791 Costed Risk Provision Utilised: N/A
2. Key points to note	Next Gateway: Gateway 6 Outcome report Key Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main landscaping and paving works were completed on time and on budget in 2018. • Since this time, the remaining works (primarily to the building) have been on hold, due to the need to investigate and coordinate other works to the estate that could impact the scope and also as a result of staff resource shortages. • It is now proposed to resume the project and coordinate the implementation of the works with the Housing Division
3. Reporting period	Gateway 5 to present.

<p>4. Progress to date</p>	<p>4.1 The main landscaping works involved new paving and planting beds on Artizan Street in order to enhance the local area and provide an appropriate setting for the Estate entrance and new library, after the earlier removal of the car park ramps. These works were carried out following a consultation exercise with the estate residents. They were completed in 2018. See photos in Appendix.</p> <p>4.2 The remaining works include a new entrance canopy on Artizan Street, trellis to the walls, signage and artwork, along with exercise equipment on the podium level.</p> <p>4.3 Following completion of the landscaping works, the remaining works were put on hold to enable the City Surveyor and Housing Division to investigate alterations to the building that could impact the scope of the project, including the future use of the first floor car park and possible changes to the building entrance lobby. Residents and Ward Members were kept updated throughout these investigations and this investigation process is now largely complete.</p> <p>4.4 Whilst the investigations were ongoing, the project manager was reassigned to other priority projects. The Housing Division has also been impacted by staff resource shortages. This has delayed the resumption of the project.</p>
<p>5. Next steps</p>	<p>5.1 A tender exercise to appoint an architect to finalise the design of the canopy and artwork has been undertaken this summer and the appointment will be confirmed following the extension of the project 'end date' in the IT financial system.</p> <p>5.2 A meeting with residents will be held in October to update them and seek their renewed feedback on the design of the outstanding elements.</p> <p>5.3 It has been agreed between the Departments that the public realm section will finalise this design work whilst the Housing Division will lead on communications with residents. Following this, the Housing Division will take on the management of the project and oversee the implementation of the works. The programme for the completion of the project will be finalised following the residents' meeting and will take account of staff resource availability and coordination with other works to the Estate.</p> <p>5.4 Members should also note that a budget adjustment will be required to move funds from the unspent landscaping and fees budgets to the staff costs budget in order to provide sufficient staff costs for the public realm section and Housing Division to</p>

	consult residents and oversee the implementation of the final elements. The works will be completed within the approved total budget.
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Appendices

Appendix 1	Project Coversheet
Appendix 2	Photos of completed works to date

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