

Helensburgh Waterfront Development (HWD) – Project Position Update

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to provide the Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee with a project position update as 9 months has elapsed since the last update was presented in December 2021 and to confirm that we have now issued the Certificate of Practical Completion for Phase 1 of Helensburgh Waterfront Development and the new Helensburgh Leisure Centre was handed over by Heron Bros Friday 29th July 2022 and fully opened to the public on 3 September 2022.
- 1.2. The Project Management Team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for all their hard work in helping us to achieve this significant milestone. It has been a long and difficult journey, with the back drop of a global pandemic as well as many other issues to overcome. Everyone has played their part and gone above and beyond in many cases to ensure this project was delivered to the highest of standards and to original timescales. The progress achieved in the face of considerable challenge is a testament to the power of partnership and professionalism. It is all the more impressive given all the back office staff behind the Waterfront Development are working remotely to deliver the project.
- 1.3. Since Contract Award, the Helensburgh Waterfront Development was awarded £100,000 grant funding from SportScotland, January 2021, which has been used by the project to support existing plans including adding the movable floor to the studio pool which will be ideal for beginner swimming lessons and providing more inclusive access.
- 1.4. Heron Bros Ltd commenced works on site on the 31 August 2020 and we are currently 107 weeks into the 119 week construction programme.
- 1.5. Whilst the project has made significant progress to date, given that it's being delivered in the midst of a global pandemic, the Project Management Team recognise that issues of a commercial nature will likely emerge given the size and scale of this complex major capital project.

1.6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee is invited to:

- 1.7. Note and consider the contents of this Report

2. INTRODUCTION

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going and its' outcome will be reported to the relevant committees of the Council in due course.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. The Helensburgh Waterfront Development project is a complex, multi-disciplinary project that includes a number of: design and construction interfaces; statutory approvals; construction logistics; and utility diversion and upgrading requirements
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5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy The delivery of this project fits with, as appropriate, the Council's Corporate Plan, Single Outcome Agreement, Economic Development Action Plan and approved Local Development Plan key actions and policy for safeguarding our built heritage and town Centre regeneration.
- 5.2 Financial The current budget of £22,367,314, includes £5million awarded from the UK Government Libor Fund, as well as forecast funds arising from the future retail development. The £100,000 grant funding from SportScotland will be used by the project to support existing plans including adding the movable floor to the studio pool which will be ideal for beginner swimming lessons and providing more inclusive access.
- 5.3 Legal Legal Services will provide support as and when required.
- 5.4 HR The HWD Project Manager continues to project manage the project on a day to day basis, supported by colleagues from other departments of the Council.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: Access to the facilities, once constructed, will be covered by either the A&BC Car Parking Management Strategy and/or the Live Argyll Operational Business Model for the new Leisure Building. The relevant officers in each organisation will be responsible for undertaking the necessary

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5.6 Equalities – protected characteristics

The detailed proposals for the HWD Project have been designed in accordance with the requirements of the Equalities Act (2010) legislation at the forefront, including, as far as practical, the removal of physical barriers preventing access to facilities or services.

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Appendix A

Helensburgh Waterfront Development - Progress Photographs