



Meeting	Winchester Town Forum
Date and Time	Wednesday, 17th June, 2020 at 6.00 pm.
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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

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Agenda Item.

8. Update on High Street Recovery (Pages 3 - 10)

9. St. Maurice's Covert - Verbal Update (Pages 11 - 22)

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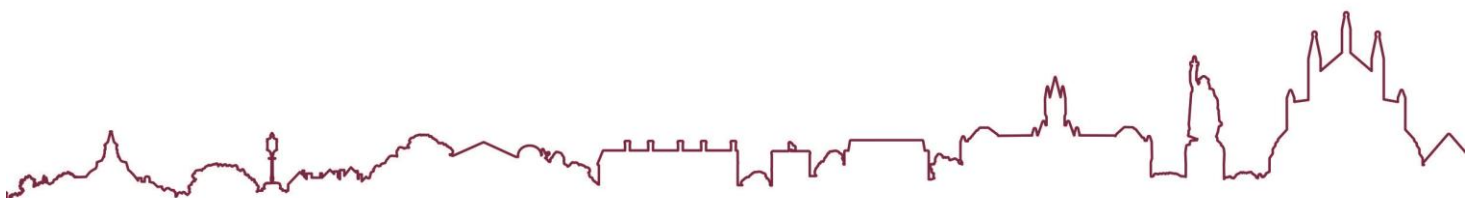
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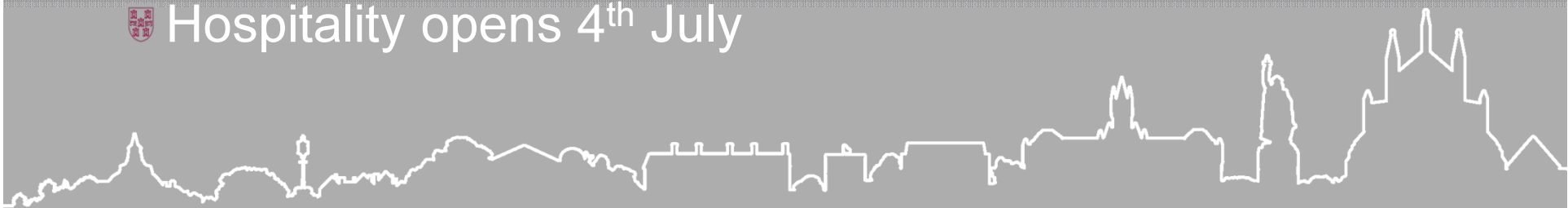
Economic Restoration Work & Plans Winchester Town Forum 17 June 2020



RESPOND AND RECOVER – KEY DATES

Responses since Government lockdown 23 March

-  Small Business and Retail & Hospitality Grants open 1st April – grants paid = 2,000 = £25.7M
-  Parks open – 29th May
-  Winchester Street Market opens 5th June
-  Hampshire Farmers Market open 14th June
-  Non essential retail open 15th June
-  Places of worship reopen for private prayer 15th June
-  Hospitality opens 4th July




RESTORATION – STRATEGIC PLANS


Rebuilding confidence is a vital part of getting the economic activity and social life back to our centres. To do this we will:

-  Support key sectors most affected for example retail, leisure and hospitality sector
-  Support business and enterprise by seeking and directing funding to stimulate activity
-  Welcome back people to our district with visitor campaigns and events
-  Continue to support our vulnerable residents in partnership with key support agencies

RE- OPENING URBAN PLACES

 **Social distancing measures** – sign and demarcation in place – High Street, parks, car parks and park & ride






 need to review and adjust first phase

 **Working with HCC** to changes to transport / highways for increased outside seating, pedestrian and cycling provision – first phase.




 **“Task Teams”** out on streets to meet and greet and to help monitor use of urban spaces

 **Strategic partners** meeting held to review steps so far and assess next phase

BUSINESS SUPPORT

-  **EM3 – Supporting Town Centres Fund** – application submitted for £93,000– outcome known 23 June.
-  **Local Authority Discretionary Grant** – applications closed 15th June. Grant Panel arranged for 22 June with grants being made to businesses by the end of the month
-  **Back in Business** - a business best practice pack of information and guidance sources circulated to local businesses
-  **Business e-bulletins** –fortnightly editions with information, guidance and support
-  **Our website** up-dated to move from response to restoration and safe places messages

RESTORE RESIDENT & VISITOR CONFIDENCE

-  **Give confidence for residents** to return to our high streets and places of interest followed by a proactive welcome back campaign aimed at visitors from outside the local area when it is appropriate to do so
-  **Working with our partners** to ensure there is a consistent approach across the District and Town, enhancing our offer by making it 'covid-safe'
-  **Campaigns and messages** about safe urban centres and measures taken in early development with Visit England (including the new national industry charter), Attractions and Discover Winchester Partnerships

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ST. MAURICE'S COVERT

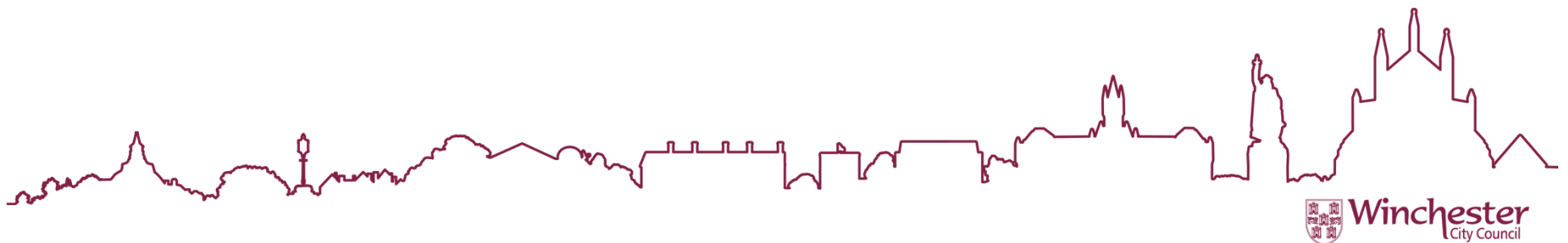
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ST.MAURICE'S COVERT OVERVIEW

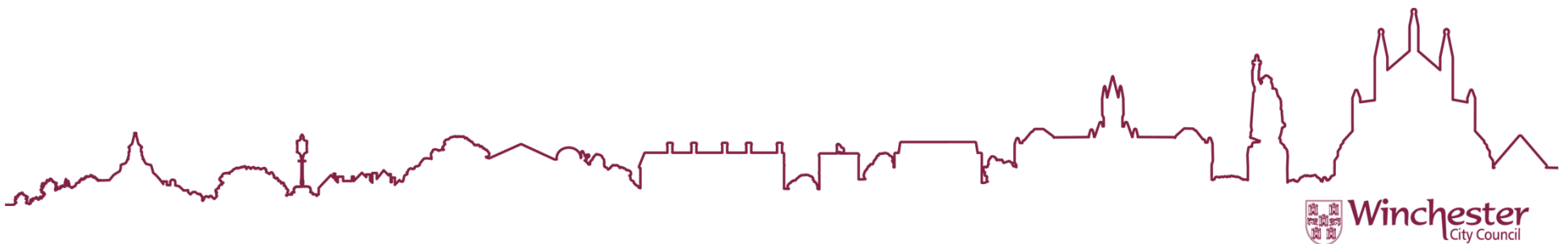
- Project is being overseen by the High Street Group (previously the Covert Steering Group).
- Scott Whitby Studio (architects) has developed and refined the design over the last 3 years.
- Phase one will make a more attractive space creating a stronger link between the High Street and Cathedral.
- A possible second phase of works could include a raised table across Market Lane. No funding has been identified to progress this further.



PHASE ONE WORKS

Phase one in two parts:

- i) Resurfacing with natural stone the area adjacent to Market Lane, new street furniture, water fountain and new bike stands.
 - ii) Mounting gravestones on the Tower, re-rendering and painting of Greggs wall and artwork, new ceiling and lighting, review of CCTV provision, improved display of artefacts in public conveniences' window, and war memorial.
- Rocon completed civils works in May.
 - Covert cleaned in June.



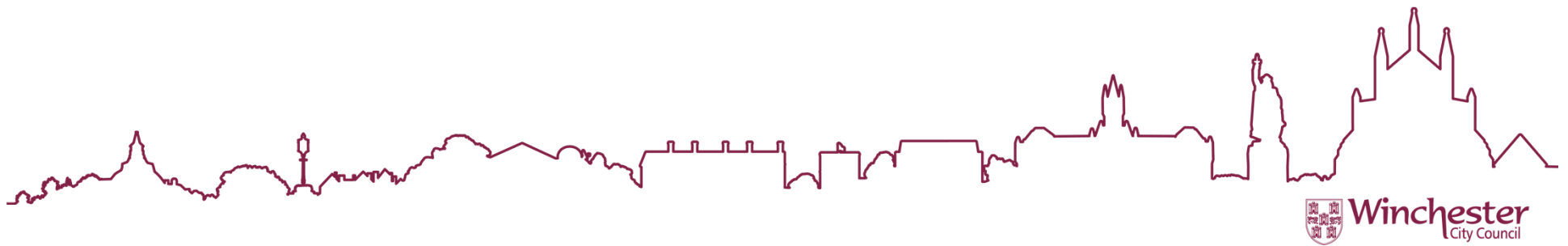
PREVIOUS VIEWS FROM MARKET LANE

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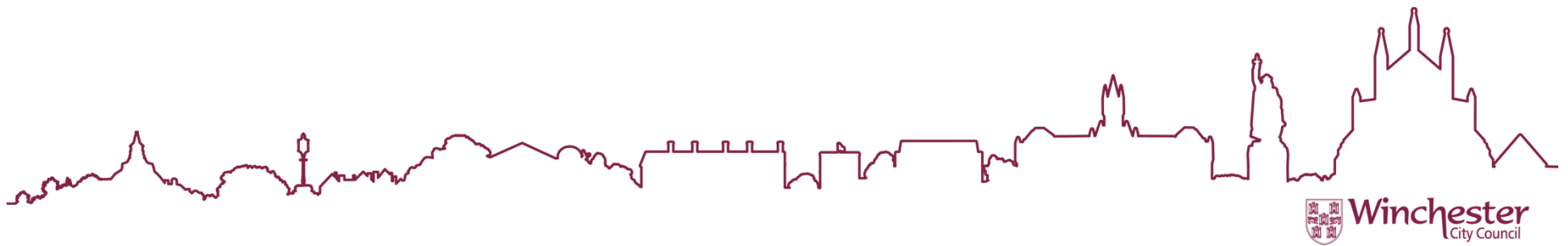
VIEW FROM HIGH STREET TO MARKET LANE

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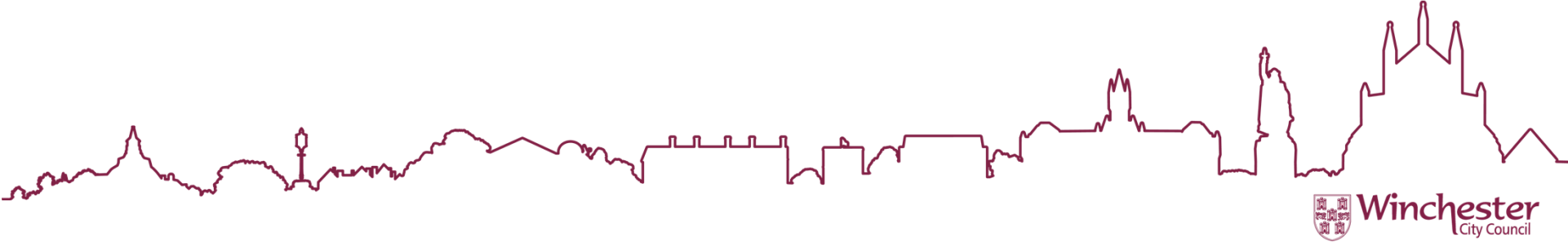
VIEW LOOKING TOWARDS MARKET LANE

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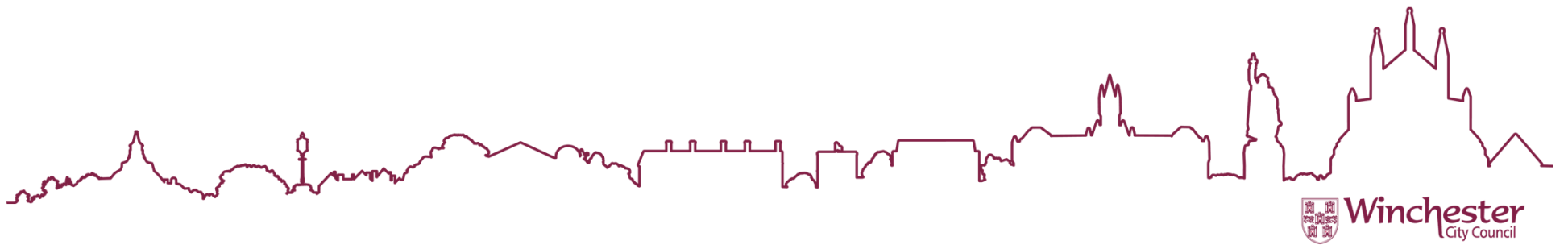
VIEW FROM MARKET LANE

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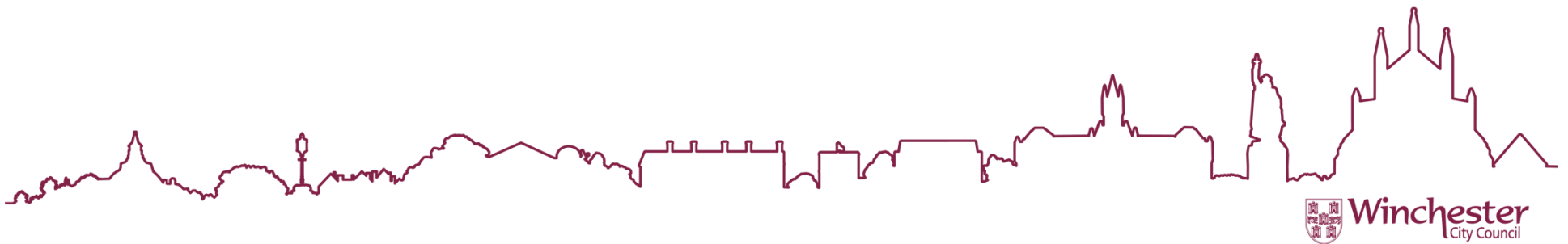
NEW STREET FURNITURE AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN

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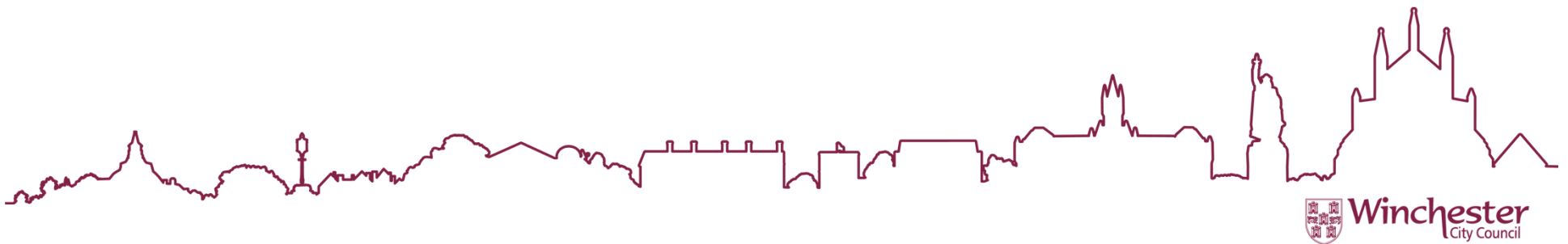
PROGRESS ON REMAINING WORKS

- Gravestones successfully removed from site.
- Repairs and dressing gravestones underway with stone conservator and wall mounting details for the Tower being finalised with a structural engineer.
- Lighting scheme submitted to HCC for approval.
- Ceiling details are being finalised with SWS.
- Cost estimates to be obtained.



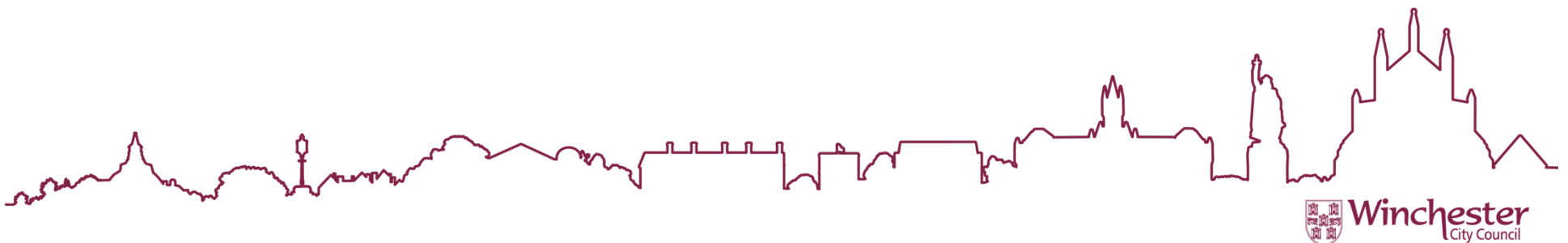
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- Artwork commission for Greggs' wall is being developed with SWS.
- Artwork will follow the re-rendering of the wall which is being progressed by officers .
- CCTV options are being reviewed & costed.
- Issues regarding the window display in the public conveniences block are being addressed by officers and HCT.



BUDGET

- **Budget position** – c£100,000 of agreed WCC funding is available to complete the project.
- **External funding** - £5,000 from Steels (gravestones) and £8,000 (general improvement) from the BID.
- Cost estimates/quotes being sought to understand total costs to inform decisions moving forward.
- No scope currently to increase the budget provision.
- Post Covid-19 review of all spending.
- May need to carry out some improvements this year (wall/artwork and gravestones for example) and defer other works to next year



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