Cabinet Member for Housing & Asset Management Decision Day

7th February 2022

Kings Walk

Introduction

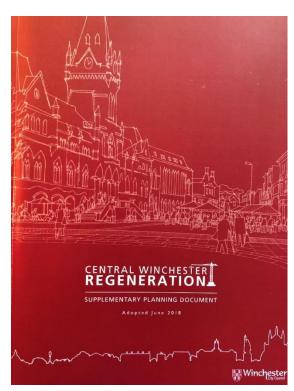
- Plans to bring forward regeneration in centralWinchester are progressing in line with the CWRSPD, approved at Council in January.
- Opportunities to enhance the Kings Walk building and surrounding area have been identified in the interim through meanwhile uses strategy.
- Moving towards creation of a 'creative hub' attracting artists, designers, makers to the parade





Kings Walk Meanwhile Use

- Implementation of meanwhile uses recognised in SPD, June '18.
- Options were explored through development of the CWR Strategic Outline Case in July '21.
- Approval to progress with short term improvements & activation for space in & around Kings Walk at Cabinet in July '21.
- A decision is now required around the evaluation criteria in order to address increasing instances of anti social behaviour, falling footfall & general deterioration of the area, an emphasis on quality is paramount.





Kings Walk Proposals

- GF Entrances, Courtyard & Undercroft
 - Greening' of entrances, new signage/graphics
- Loading Bay
 - Convert to events space





Kings Walk Proposals

- Silver Hill Frontage Improvements
 - Upgrade facades and entrances
- Multi-Storey Car Park Roof
 - Activate roofscape as event space
- Courtyard Garden
 - 'Pocket park' in the courtyard





Recommendation

- Budget approved in July '21 of £385k
- The short-term improvements at Kings Walk is evaluated on a criteria of:
 - 80% Quality
 - 10% Cost
 - 10% Sustainability
- By changing the weightings to focus on quality, this will ensure that an architect's excellence is the predominate factor in the evaluation process and in line with the exceptional quality envisaged in the CWR SPD.

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