



STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Brimscombe Port Project Board
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	16 December 2020
BRIEF REPORT:	
<p>1.1 The purpose of this Member/ Officer Report is to update members on the current position and programme for the redevelopment of Brimscombe Port.</p> <p>1.2 The last update was dated 1 December 2020. This update is to inform members of the progress made in the last 5 weeks.</p> <p>1.3 Planning – The final responses required from third party consultees have been received and a response to Natural England’s concerns has been submitted for the planning application for the phase 1 infrastructure and the demolition of the existing buildings together with the listed building application for the demolition of the modern extensions to Port Mill. All information has now been finalised and the aim remains for the report to be presented to the February Development Control Committee.</p> <p>1.4 The report to be presented to the Strategy and Resources Committee to seek formal approval to the procurement process for the selection of a developer partner also remains programmed for March, subject to a planning decision being made in February. This will enable the outcome of the bid to the One Public Estate programme for Land Release Funding (LRF) to be known, which is due in February.</p> <p>1.5 Project Board - Along with the standing items of risk register, budget and programme, at its meeting of the Project Board on the 16 December the FAQs were reviewed and these are being finalised for publication on the Council’s website.</p> <p>1.6 Tenancy Management - Several of the tenants on site continue to be negatively impacted by COVID-19 and have received support from Government grants, or directly from the council with rent holidays being granted. In spite of this, 2 businesses have closed and others are still struggling. Grace Network are delivering a range of services (e.g. The Long Table, and Stroud Food Bank) from the site which have been important in lockdown and recovery. The leases for the business park and industrial units had been structured so that vacant possession is achievable from between January this year until the end of March and two tenants have now vacated their units. For some tenants it has been possible and appropriate to extend their leases for a further 3 months until the end of June, without jeopardising the current programme.</p>	
FUTURE MEETINGS	2 February 2021
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