
ASSETS UPDATE

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To receive an update on Council owned assets.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 Members are requested to note the update on Council owned assets.

3.0 **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1 On 26 September 2019 (Agenda Item 16) Finance & Assets Committee received a report detailing Council owned assets which provided a summary of each asset. This report provides an update to assets contained within that report.

3.2 **Maltings Cottage, Ely**

The hard landscaping has been reduced to take the pressure off the wall which will help to reduce the damp and works are being carried out as per the instruction issued by the Council.

The Council is awaiting the results of the building conditions report that is being carried out by City of Ely Council. It is expected that a fuller update will be provided to Members in the new year.

3.3 **Ely Museum**

An update has been provided to the Council on the progress that is being made at Ely Museum.

The museum had originally planned to re-open the museum this autumn and although the museum is disappointed that they are not able to do this they have confirmed that good progress is still being made. If circumstances allow, the museum hope to reopen early in 2021.

Work to build the new displays and place artefacts in their new cases should be completed prior to Christmas. Staff and volunteers continue to support to museum in a variety of new and innovative ways; Zoom Trustees meetings,

virtual school visits, Museum From Home Craft videos and online planning workshops.

A development in early October was the removal of the scaffolding on the Lynn Road side of the museum which presented the first chance to see the new façade. This is made with traditional, locally made, gault clay tiles which will weather well over the coming years whilst differentiating the old from the new.

Alongside the new extension there have been much needed improvements to the listed building have taken place, including the restoration of the windows and repointing work on the external walls which has made a great difference.

3.4 **COVID-19 Impact on Assets**

Car Parks

The Council has taken the decision to not enforce early morning and limited time restrictions in its town and city centre car parks during this second national lockdown. This decision will continue until 2 December 2020. This has been done to support residents making essential trips to grocery stores, pharmacies and places of work, as well as those who live close to the car parks and would have needed to move their cars.

Playgrounds

As required by Government, all Council owned playgrounds remain open. Signage has been installed to remind users of social distancing.

Public Conveniences

All Council owned public conveniences remain open and are COVID safe.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 There are no financial implication arising from this report.
- 4.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.
- 4.3 A Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) is not required.

5.0 APPENDICIES

5.1 None

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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