


Towns Deal Board Programme Highlight Report


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Programme Status 

Overall projects are progressing, despite inflationary pressures, work is continuing to take place to resolve these pressures.

Financial Status 







Majority of projects are within budget, those at risk of a funding gap have identified savings and/or reallocation of funding.









Key Risks:





- Inflation and wider economic impact leading to cost increases across the programme
- Ability to meet contracted funding outputs / outcomes / commitments (inc delivery timescales)

Key activities for next reporting period:

- George Eliot Visitor Centre to begin construction on site
- Saints' procurement process to be complete, award contract and works commence.

Project Title	Project Summary	Project Status	Financial Status	Key Milestones
Queens Road Chambers	Completion, hand over and operation/ RIBA stage 7 Works Complete to 1st floor of 22 Queens Road. Tenancy of King Edward VI College agreed and College now operating from the site			
Digital Skills & Innovation Centre	Planning permission secured. Heads of terms for agreement for lease and lease of DS&IC approved by NW&SLC and NBBC			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of agreement for lease and lease with NW&SLC • Completion of construction contract with BAM. • Demolition of redundant Co-op building. • Completion and handover targeted Q2 2024/25
George Elliott Visitors Centre	Design complete, planning permission received, contractor appointed. Ongoing issues with the trust's architect not having appropriate cover in place (PII). Until this resolved Whitbread's cannot sign off the lease.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitbread's close to resolution expected Q3 23/24. • Construction could then begin from Q3 23/24. • Construction to complete Q3 23/24

	Trust are working on the above. Next steps: finalise lease for site, begin construction			
The Saints	Building purchased completed. Ground floor has been completed. Procurement progressing to bring the 1 st floor area back into use. PCSA tender produced no returns, reviewing options to direct award. Two contractors expressed interest and we have approached to invite to tender.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender responses (September 2023) • Award contract (October 2023) • Project end date: September 2024
Reimagining Museum & Art Gallery/Parks Revival	Museum: Scheme approved at Cabinet (minute CB5 on 24 May 2023), procurement can now commence. Planning on storage of artifacts to commence. Parks: Awaiting conclusion of internal project review, and adjacent project's suitability and subsequent procurement route, before proceeding with next stage of design development. Secured additional TF funding to bridge gap. Next Steps; Procure contractors and PM support			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint consultant team Q2 23/24 • Complete design development Q2 23/24 • Procure contractor Q4 23/24 • Completion target Q4 25/26
Wheat Street Junction	Preliminary design completed. Detailed design work ongoing. WCC are re-costing all projects in light of current inflationary pressures. Next Steps: Anticipated start on site Spring 2024			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence detailed design. • Re-cost project. • Construction targeted for completion Q2 25/26
Coporation/A444 Junction Improvements	Preliminary design is in the process of completion.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence detailed design Q2 23/24 • Construction targeted for completion Q4 25/26

	Detailed design ongoing. Anticipated site start Spring 2025 Next steps: Anticipated site start Spring 2025			
Weddington Road Cycle Link	Engineering Design Services are working through the various design phases. Preliminary design completed, outlining 2 feasible design options. Engagement plan to be developed to share with stakeholders. Next steps: Engineering Design Services to be commissioned to develop detailed design following concept review/stakeholder engagement.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility design to be produced as an engagement plan for public/stakeholder engagement Q3 2023/24 • Stakeholder engagement Q3 2023/24 • Completion targeted Q2 24/25
E-Mobility Hub	Initial design complete, Towns Fund business case approved, Contractor/delivery partner appointed. BP Pulse, the contractors have been re-engaged to complete design, ongoing work with WCC traffic Team to put in place a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to designate parking for EV charging points. Next steps: designate TRO for EV charging, develop detailed design			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of TRO to designate parking bay adjacent to rapid charge point as EV only • Detailed design in development expected by Q3 23/24 • Complete construction and activate by mid 2024
Visiting Nuneaton Changing Perspectives	Due to funding gap with other projects within TIP, agreed to postpone this project and request to allocate funding to priority high risk projects			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to be closed down.