

Appendix 2: Town Centre Capital Fund – Description of Additional Fund Projects; Links to Council Delivery Plan

Project 1: Queen Street Demolition Additional Fund request - £77,295

Project Description:

Funding is required to conclude site preparation of the 29-31 Queen Street site ahead of demolition. Due to the dilapidated state that ACC acquired the property extensive costs have been incurred due to an asbestos presence. Therefore, a request for further funding is being made to cover the costs of future demolition, which is scheduled to take place early 2021. The demolition of 29-31 Queen Street will enable the first phase delivery of this residential led mixed-use development. As a whole delivery of the Queen Street programme will result in a drastically improved streetscape, urban realm, and sense of place for this currently under utilised and dated city-centre location. The amount requested is £77,295.

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	This project has no impact on the prosperous economy stretch outcomes of the LOIP
Prosperous People	This project has no impact on the prosperous people stretch outcomes of the LOIP
Prosperous Place	This project will create useable space for areas of the city centre that currently need investment that contribute to Stretch Outcome 14. "Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen's carbon emissions by 42.5% by 2026 by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate.

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	None
Organisational Design	None
Governance	None
Workforce	None
Process Design	None
Technology	None

Partnerships and Alliances	None
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Project 2: Belmont Filmhouse - £48,623

Project Description:

The building occupied by Belmont Filmhouse is owned by Aberdeen City Council, and was re-developed in 1998 as a modern multi media centre. Centre for the Moving Image was awarded the lease and operating contract by Aberdeen City Council from April 2014. No significant refurbishment has been carried out to the décor, air handling, heating, or public area lighting since the building opened and it is in these areas where initial opportunities for energy saving were identified.

A Resource Opportunity Assessment/Energy Consumption Survey from Resource Efficient Scotland (RES) was undertaken in 2016 to inspect the air handling, heating and lighting services, with a view to assessing opportunities for reducing the overall energy consumption.

The RES report identified the following opportunities which would significantly improve Belmont's energy use, while additionally improving the visitor experience for audiences. These activities would be undertaken if Town Centre Fund is allocated:

- Install VSD controls on the building's eight principal supply and extract air fan motors
- Change foyer and bar down lighters to G24 type LED lamps
- Install modern LED panel lights in toilets with automatic motion sensors
- Change stair lights to LED lights with automatic dimming sensors

In addition, to improve the visitor experience and audience access an upgrade Belmont's internal signage is required. This would improve the quality of customer journey, provide clear access information, and improve navigation the venue.

Combined, these measures could save up to 78,230 kWh per year. To put that into context, the average house in the United Kingdom uses 3,100 kWh per year, so this is a considerable reduction for the venue in the energy consumption.

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Prosperous Place	This project has no impact on the prosperous place stretch outcomes of the LOIP
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	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	None
Organisational Design	None
Governance	None
Workforce	None
Process Design	None
Technology	None
Partnerships and Alliances	The progression of this project is likely to enhance opportunities for future partnership working in the city.

Project 3: Intelligent Street Lighting – Phase 3 - £300,000

Project Description:

The Council is progressing with earlier phases of deployment of an innovative Intelligent Street Lighting project, which will deploy across 3,500 streetlights to revolutionise the way we monitor and control our lighting assets. This provides dynamic control under varying conditions, such as decreased lighting levels when adequate to do so, or increased lighting levels for reasons such as events or safety issues. It would be proposed to utilise this fund to progress with phase 3 of the project, which would deploy more streetlights within the City. This would enable the ability to dynamically control lighting levels to compliment events and the safety of our communities, whilst monitoring their condition and reacting quicker to maintenance requirements where possible. This would require the full deployment of the Smart City communications technology that is utilised for earlier phases of the Intelligent Street Lighting project, which would in turn, provide a fully deployed network to support other Smart City initiatives around Waste, Flooding and Tourism, as an example.

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report

Prosperous Economy	This project has no impact on the prosperous economy stretch outcomes of the LOIP
Prosperous People	This project, through the introduction of a smarter way to use city lighting and creating a safer city centre will contribute to Stretch Outcome 9; 25% fewer people receiving a first ever Court conviction each year by 2026
Prosperous Place	This project, through the use of smart energy lighting will contribute to Stretch Outcome 14. "Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen's carbon emissions by 42.5% by 2026 by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate. With smarter lighting this may encourage more walking and cycling contributing to Stretch Outcome 15; 38% of people walking and 5% of people cycling as main mode of travel by 2026.

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	None
Organisational Design	None
Governance	None
Workforce	None
Process Design	None
Technology	This project has a positive impact on the smart cities strategy which will see improvements in the use of smarter lighting.
Partnerships and Alliances	This project builds on from earlier phases which saw a strong collaborative partnership between Scotland's major cities and the learnings from this will continue to benefit exchange of best practice.

Project 4: University of Aberdeen Surface Car Park on Queen Street land acquisition - £300,000

The purchase of the surface car park is crucial in order to conclude land assembly for Phase 1 of the Queen Street Redevelopment. Following the recent acquisition of

the neighbouring surface car park (previously owned by Baxel Ltd.) it is prudent that ACC enter negotiations with the University of Aberdeen to provide a clear site for future development. Completion of Phase 1 Land Assembly will enable ACC (in conjunction with a development partner) to deliver up to 40-45 contemporary one and two-bed homes alongside potential commercial units at ground floor (street) level. This proposal is in accordance with the recommendations of the City Centre Living Study whereby the Council facilitate new residential development opportunities in line with the growing housing demand. The estimated cost is £300,000.

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Prosperous Economy	None
Prosperous People	None
Prosperous Place	This project will create useable space for areas of the city centre that currently need investment that contribute to Stretch Outcome 14. “Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen's carbon emissions by 42.5% by 2026 by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate.

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	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	None
Organisational Design	None
Governance	None
Workforce	None
Process Design	None
Technology	None
Partnerships and Alliances	None

