## Appendix 1 – City Centre and Beach Masterplan Projects: 2024 Update



Masterplan Project	2023 Status	2024 Status	Looking Ahead	Capital Programme Commitment
Union Street Central Public Realm	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that this project progress to technical design and construction. In July 2023 the Council agreed that a segregated cycle lane be included.	Construction commenced on streetscape improvements in Spring 2024. During the works access will continue to all shops and businesses for pedestrians, as well as access for delivery drivers and emergency services.	Streetscape improvements will be delivered in 3 phases working from east to west, concluding in late summer 2025.	£18.9M
Aberdeen Market	Application submitted to amend planning permission originally approved in May 2022 (Application Reference 211517/DPP) following discussions with preferred operator. Site clear for redevelopment.	Updated planning permission granted November 2023 (Application Reference 230704/DPP). Ten enabling works packages currently on site, along with works by Scottish Water to improve city centre infrastructure. These works will continue until the end of 2024.	Approximate 24 month construction period from September 2024. All legal agreements anticipated being concluded during August / September 2024.	£38.6M
Aberdeen Market to Guild Street Public Realm	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business	Updated Business Case approved by Council in December 2023.	Technical design to commence as Union Street Central nears completion.	Subject to future Council Budget

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	Case for Phase 1 and instructed that this initial phase of the project progress to technical design and construction.	Project on hold pending completion of Union Street Central and Market.		Meeting considerations.
Belmont Quarter	Over the past 6 months design options workshops have been held with Belmont Street Area businesses to ensure designs are operationally fit for purpose and also to review options for vehicle movement in the area which businesses have raised as an issue.	Proposals for traffic management measures currently being prepared for implementation in Little Belmont Street to manage existing restrictions.	Proposals will be taken back to stakeholders for review prior to moving towards implementation.	£100,000
Schoolhill & Upperkirkgate	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that this project	On hold pending completion of Union Street Central.	Capital programme to commence 2026/27 (as agreed at Council Budget meeting in March 2024)	£14M

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	progress to technical design and construction.			
Union Street West	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that options for physically segregated cycle provision along this stretch of Union Street be developed. Further design work and key stakeholder consultation on these options currently ongoing.	Updated Business Case approved by Council in December 2023. Detailed design includes segregated cycle provision.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
West End	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that options for physically segregated cycle provision in this area be developed. It will be important to link	Updated Business Case approved by Council in December 2023.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.

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	proposals for this area to Union Street West, and work around this is currently ongoing.			
George Street	Draft George Street Mini Masterplan approved for public consultation by Council in December 2022. Public consultation and stakeholder engagement undertaken in early 2023.	George Street Masterplan approved by Council in November 2023.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
Queen Street	A Strategic Business Case for the Queen Street project was approved by Aberdeen City Council in December 2022. A short list of future options for the site was identified as part of this report.	Strategic Business Case reported to Council in September 2023. Instruction to develop an Urban Park and investigate potential future options for brownfield site. Progress on internal stripout programme continues.	Report on Urban Park Phase 1 (outline design and delivery) reported to Finance and Resources Committee in August 2024. Approval given to develop the detailed and technical design for the Urban Park and proceed with the negotiation and execution of contracts for delivery of the construction programme.	£16.8M

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Union Street East	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that options for physically segregated cycle provision along this stretch of Union Street be developed. Further design work and key stakeholder consultation on these options currently ongoing.	Updated business case approved at Council in December 2023. Detailed design includes segregated cycle provision.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
Castlegate	In December 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed a Full Business Case and instructed that options for physically segregated cycle provision in this area be developed. It will be important to link proposals for this area to Union Street East and connectivity to the Beach as part of the	Updated business case approved at Council in December 2023. Detailed design includes segregated cycle provision.	Report of detailed design and delivery programme will be reported to Finance and Resources Committee in August 2024.	£15.5M

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	Beach Connectivity Project.			
Union Street Properties	Consultation with owners as part of the Union Street Façade Works project has been undertaken over the last 12 months.  An action plan of interventions to target empty shops on Union Street was also approved by Council in December 2022, with a £500,000 grant scheme aimed at reconfiguring vacant ground floor units launched in July 2023.	Progress on the Empty Shops Action Plan reported to Finance & Resources Committee in March 2024. Interventions under programme areas 'Distinctive Aberdeen', 'Culture and Heritage', 'Net Zero Union Street', 'Enterprising Union Street' and 'Enabling Delivery' are ongoing. City centre partners and stakeholders convene regularly to plan complementing activity supporting the objectives.	Priority actions over the next 12 months include securing additional resource to support the Action Plan and exploring funding to enable pop-up/meanwhile use activity on Union Street.  Officer will also support a pipeline of enquiries and potential new tenants for upcoming vacancies on the street.	£1M
Beach Public Realm – Phase A Projects	A Development Framework for Phase 1 of the Beachfront area was approved by Aberdeen City Council in May 2023, informed	Existing play park equipment moved to Seaton to allow construction of new Beach Park, which is currently underway.	Utility work due to be completed Q3 2024. Phase A works include Broadhill, Events Park, Beach Park.	£61.8M

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	by both public and stakeholder consultation.  Initial concept design work has been undertaken in parallel with the Development Framework exercise.	Works to divert key utilities also currently underway.	Construction on target to be completed Q4 2025 / Q1 2026.	
Beach Public Realm – Phase B Projects	Initial concept design work has been undertaken in parallel with the Development Framework exercise. Transport appraisal work to inform an Outline Business Case for the Commerce Street / Beach Boulevard roundabout junction was approved by Council in May 2023.	These works are being reprofiled following the Council Budget meeting in March 2024 to link in with proposed works on Castlegate.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
Beach Public Realm – Phase C Projects	Initial concept design work has been undertaken in parallel with the Development	Outline Business Case for Shoreline Regeneration approved by Council in December 2023.	No action at present – progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.

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	Framework exercise. A Strategic Outline Case was approved by Aberdeen City Council in May 2023. This Phase represents the last element of Phase 1 and so further work on agreeing project outcomes and spatial requirements is still to be undertaken.			
Proposed Stadium and Leisure	Outline Business Case for integrated stadium and leisure development reported to Council in December 2022.	Demolition of former Beach leisure centre underway. Complexities arising from the connectivity of buildings and the existing Energy Centre have been addressed to ensure no disruption to the Ice Arena Facilities. Discussions with Aberdeen Football Club are continuing.	Demolition of former Beach Leisure centre expected to complete Q1 2025.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
Beach Ballroom	Initial concept design work has been undertaken in parallel	Ongoing feasibility work underway to assess technical considerations	No action at present – progress will be subject to	Subject to future Council Budget

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	with the Development Framework exercise.	relating to facilities management.	future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Meeting considerations.
Beach Phase 2 North	In August 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed to extend the Beach Masterplan area north, to the River Don, and south, to the River Dee. Initial consultation on these areas was undertaken in May / June 2023.	Initial public consultation on these areas was undertaken in May / June 2023, with the results reported back to Council in August 2023.	A future Phase 2 Development Framework exercise to be prepared and reported back to Council once resources allow. Progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.
Beach Phase 2 South	In August 2022 Aberdeen City Council agreed to extend the Beach Masterplan area north, to the River Don, and south, to the River Dee. Initial consultation on these areas was undertaken in May / June 2023.	Initial public consultation on these areas was undertaken in May / June 2023, with the results reported back to Council in August 2023.	A future Phase 2 Development Framework exercise to be prepared and reported back to Council once resources allow. Progress will be subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.	Subject to future Council Budget Meeting considerations.