

## Overview and Scrutiny

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### Member Questions (4 total)

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Question from Councillor David Willingham to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>   |
|           | In my role as Chairman of the Licensing Committee, when this item is discussed, could the Chairman of O&S please ask the officer to provide an assurance that to avoid issues with extant street trading licences and to feed into the forthcoming street trading policy review this project will regularly consult with the Licensing team, and will keep the Licensing Committee informed of progress?  |
|           | <b>Response from the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>  |
|           | Yes, the Strand and Cambray Place project team is aware of potential licensing issues in respect of the works and policy review and the project is working with the Licensing team to resolve them. The Licensing Team Leader will keep Licensing Committee in touch with progress.   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Question from Councillor David Willingham to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>   |
|           | Can I get an assurance that accessibility issues, especially for the mobility and visually impaired will be considered as an integral part of this from the beginning of the project to ensure that they are baked-in at the start rather than bolted-on at the end?  |
|           | <b>Response from the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>  |
|           | Yes, project team members play a lead role in bringing together the Accessibility Working Group regularly to consult them on this project and other public realm initiatives. The project offers a great opportunity to improve safety for all user groups, particular in the area of the Strand with its currently uneven paving.  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Question from Councillor David Willingham to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>   |
|           | Can we get an assurance that the engagement with the private utility companies will encourage them to complete any infrastructure improvements or maintenance to their network prior to this work commencing, and that if they do undertake any utility works after the work is complete, they will be fully held to account by CBC and GCC to ensure that the High Street is repaired to the same high standard as this £1.8M investment in the High Street will deliver?  |
|           | <b>Response from the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>  |
|           | Yes, these conversations have already begun with a request to the utilities to identify any planned maintenance during the likely period of works or the potential for improvements. GCC has previously agreed an embargo with utilities companies to prevent planned maintenance in the period after the works is complete and we would ask them to do the same in this case. GCC has advised that if a newly surfaced area is disturbed by works the works promoter has six calendar months to reinstate back to this existing surface. We plan to provide a stock of replacement materials to make this process as straightforward and speedy as possible. All utility excavations carry a two year guarantee, during this period all costs are met by the utility companies if a defect occurs. |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Question from Councillor David Willingham to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>   |
|           | Is the risk that utility companies' future works could damage this scheme captured in the risk register, and are mitigations in place to ensure that replacement materials of the same type and quality can be sourced in future so that any damage can be made good, like-for-like, at the utility company's expense (rather than us ending up with unsightly tarmac patches)?   |
|           | <b>Response from the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Councillor Chris Mason</b>  |
|           | Yes, the risk and our approach to mitigating it is captured in our register. The question   |

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|  | about replacement materials is covered in the answer to the previous question. |
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