



COMMITTEE TITLE: Finance, Assets, Investment and Recovery Committee

DATE: 6th March 2024

REPORT TITLE:	Chairs Update
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update to Members in relation to the areas covered under the Terms of Reference of the Finance, Assets, Investment and Recovery Committee.

Multi Storey Car Park Update

Works have commenced on site to start installation of cabling to entrance and exit gates and to provide necessary wiring to integrate the parking system into the on-site fire alarm system. Preparations continue off site in terms of the build-up of the payment machines and control/access systems that will eventually control entry and exit of vehicles.

Work is also being completed by the Finance team to permit the integration of the payment system into the Council's own Financial Management System to ensure income is correctly received and recorded. At this stage works are still on track to be completed in the first quarter of this calendar year.

William Hunter Way Car Park

The tender process for the works to enhance William Hunter Way Car Park has now been completed, Officers have reviewed the tenders received and awarded the contract for works. This was communicated to the successful contractor at the end of w.c. 19th February.

A site meeting has now been held with Ward Members to address concerns around any removal of vegetation and other possible enhancements around the 'greening' of the car park are now being considered by Officers.

Officers are now awaiting an 'on site' start date from the contractor.

South Essex Business Expo

The South Essex Business Expo will be held on 14 March at The Brentwood Centre. Over 150 exhibitors from across the county are booked in. Brentwood Borough Council will have a stand at the event to promote its business support offer. All of the

members of South Essex Councils are sponsoring the expo, which should attract an estimated 1,000 visitors. Brentwood-based law firm, Tees, is the headline sponsor.

TFL Meeting with Members

Following a letter from Cllr Aspinell to the Mayor of London, a response was received from Shirley Rodriguez offering a meeting for Brentwood Councillors and TFL.

Officers have been working with TFL since early January to establish a meeting date which is still ongoing and will hopefully take place mid March subject to availability of all concerned.

Hutton Poplars Lodge

Officers continue to work with the Council's insurers on this matter to progress settlement of the claim and allow works to repair the building to take place. A revised schedule of works for repairs for approval is currently being drawn up and will be submitted to the Insurer's Major Loss Team as soon as possible.