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1. Summary of Current Position

Work continues on Sports Centre construction

On the wider site the Masterplan was approved by hearing at the Development Management Sub Committee on 7 October.

2. Sports Centre

Meadowbank Sports Centre continues to develop at pace and Graham Construction are resourcing the project to try to mitigate, where possible, the effects of the COVID 19 shut down.

The full impact of COVID 19 on both costs and programme are not fully established as yet although we are hopeful that this will be available over the coming weeks, with an estimated revised completion in mid 2021.

Progress and productivity are estimated to be back up at around 80% at present.



3. Masterplan

The Masterplan was approved at a committee hearing on 7 October from 10am-2PM, via video conference. A hearing is where the applicant and community representatives are invited to put their views on the development to the Development Management Sub Committee. Community representatives have been invited to attend. The hearing is available to view through the Council's webcast site: <https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

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Building with Nature

With support from Nature Scot (formerly known as Scottish Natural Heritage) and the Scottish Government, the Meadowbank Masterplan was awarded Building with Nature accreditation on 30 August 2020. Building with Nature is a new benchmark for high-quality green infrastructure, setting the standard for the design, implementation and maintenance of high-quality green features in new development across the UK. The assessor's comments included:

"The Building with Nature (BwN) Design Accreditation has been awarded to the Meadowbank Masterplan to reflect the fact this outline plan sets out a holistic approach to the design, construction and post-occupancy aftercare aspects of green infrastructure provision.

It is clear from review of the scheme that the City of Edinburgh Council are committed to the principles of high-quality green infrastructure which underpin the Building with Nature benchmark."



The project will be reviewed as it progresses through the next stages of design and construction with the aim of achieving the 'excellent' level of accreditation. More information on Building with Nature is available at:

<https://www.buildingwithnature.org.uk/about>

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Active travel

The project has secured support from Sustrans' Places for Everyone scheme. The aim of Places for Everyone is to create safe, attractive, healthier places by increasing the number of trips made by walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys.

For Meadowbank this means that Sustrans will fund and help design the active travel elements of the project, bringing specialised knowledge and insight to the design team. They will assist in further consultation on this aspect of the project. More information on Sustrans and its work is at: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/scotland/places-for-everyone/>

Access Road

The amendment to the access road position was approved by the Development Management Sub Committee on 9 September 2020.

4. Procurement

The Council is initiating a process to find a development partner to take forward further design work and construction.

A positive response was received from the market following the issue of a Prior Information Notice (PIN). This is encouraging in terms of economic resilience in response to the ongoing Covid 19 emergency. The project team will now commence the next steps of procurement which we expect to involve the community in.

5. Sounding Board

The Sounding board has been an invaluable forum throughout the process to date. The sounding board met on 14 October 2020. It has been agreed that the Sounding Board will continue to meet regularly.

6. Key Programme Milestones

1. Planning Application decision – 7 October 2020
2. Issue of procurement documentation – October 2020
3. Site start - 2022

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Appendix 1– Masterplan Layout – as submitted

