


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Cabinet	
Date:	26 February 2024	
Report Title:	Wisbech High Street Update	

1 Purpose / Summary

To provide Cabinet with a monthly update regarding;

- ongoing building work at 24 High Street, Wisbech.
- progress regarding the costs of potential options for 11-12 High Street, Wisbech

2 Key Issues

2.1 24 High Street Construction Progress

Etec, the main contractor, continues the construction work on 24 High Street with works, finally starting above ground. The groundwork element of this project has been painstaking. The site is very tight and the piling element has been very challenging and the compound in a different location. With this element now completed, the community can expect to see above ground progress and a building taking shape in the coming months.

Sign-off of all final Planning Conditions is now completed.

Completion of the project is slightly behind schedule, but the contractor is expecting to be able to make up some time in the coming months – subject to fair weather. The expected completion date remains October 2024.

2.2 11-12 High Street

Further to Cabinet's discussion regarding the options appraisal presented last month, costs are being sought for those options using architects, quantity surveyors and a sense check from a construction company..

Additionally, the Council is considering a bid to the Brownfield Land Relief Fund. Advice received recently highlights that the Council may submit multiple bids to the fund and an attempt to secure some funding for 11-12 is viewed by advisors as worth a bid.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That Cabinet notes the progress in relation to the building of 24 High in Wisbech High Street and notes the actions regarding 11-12 High Street, Wisbech.

Wards Affected	Medworth Ward	
Forward Plan Reference	KEY21APR22/01	
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