

<b>REPORT TO EXECUTIVE</b>			
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA: INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 JANUARY 2002		
<b>Public</b>			
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Recorded in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Inside Policy Framework</b>			

**Title:** GATEWAY CITY PROJECT

PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT 18 JANUARY 2002

**Report of:** THE CITY SOLICITOR AND SECRETARY AND MPM  
CAPITA

**Report reference:** TC. 22/02

### Summary:

The report updates the Executive on aspects of the various parts of the project.

### Recommendations:

That the Executive note the report.

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## **1. PROJECT STATUS**

As at 18 January 2002 the status of the Gateway City Project is as follows:

### **1.1 MILLENNIUM GALLERY**

1.1.1 All elements of the project are now open to the public. During November and early December a small area of the gallery had to be taken out of use to address water ingress. However all elements of the displays were kept available to the public. The water ingress encountered was due to a construction defect in the waterproofing system. This was corrected by the contractor and, after a suitable period of monitoring to ensure that no further water ingress was occurring, the affected areas were refinished.

1.1.2 The external "simple" signage scheme was granted planning approval at the end of November 2001. The signs will be installed at the end of January 2002.

1.1.3 MPMC anticipate that the final costs will fall somewhere between the current budget and £100,000 over this amount (excluding post-excavation archaeology) as previously reported. The majority of non-construction costs (eg professional fees, artists commissions, exhibition fit out, archaeological excavations) have been finalised. The final costs associated with the majority of construction work packages, which account for three quarters of the total project costs, have yet to be finalised by Laing. Laing have advised that all outstanding accounts should be received by the end of March 2002.

### **1.2 HADRIAN'S BRIDGE**

1.2.1 There have been no further developments in the reporting period.

### **1.3 IRISH GATE BRIDGE**

1.3.1 A separate report in respect of the contractual position appears in part B of the Agenda. Members will be aware that the Council has approved a supplementary estimate in respect of the lifts and the Director is now progressing this work with all the relevant parties. The Director is also in the process of agreeing the various repairing and maintenance obligations in respect of the Bridge with the County Council.

## 1.4 CYCLEWAY UPGRADES

1.4.1 Further progress on this work has been delayed pending the installation of cable television in Carlisle.

## 1.5 POST-EXCAVATION ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

1.5.1 The Oxford Archaeological Unit have now been appointed and have commenced the second stage assessment report which should be ready in June. The City Solicitor and Secretary has authorised expenditure from the archaeological budget (following recommendations from Oxford and the County Archaeologist) on preservation works to the armour and some other timber materials and it is hopeful that English Heritage will contribute by way of providing specialist resources to enable some of these preservation works in respect of the armour to be carried out.

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