

REPORT TO ASSETS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MARKET HALL REFURBISHMENT



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1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2019 the Council paused work on pursuing a redevelopment of the Market Hall which had planned to demolish the building and reconstruct a ground floor market with apartments above. In summer 2021 the plans were reviewed and costed by a quantity surveyor.

At the November committee meeting, the committee resolved to:

set aside proposals for the redevelopment of the Market Hall and progress a thorough programme of refurbishment instead.

The Town Clerk contacted a number of local architects seeking proposals to develop a refurbishment scheme. Proposals were received from Ellis Williams, Fasciato, Hive and Jay Ashall. These proposals were circulated to members and reviewed at a member briefing on 28th February.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The consensus opinion at the briefing was to appoint Hive Architects to lead the project.

It was noted that this would initially be to develop an outline scheme for refurbishment (to RIBA Stage 2) at which stage the plans would be costed by a quantity surveyor and a business case for the project prepared and reviewed by the committee.

The cost of this stage would be approximately £3,200 inclusive of the quantity surveyor fees.

It is recommended that the committee resolves:

- a) To appoint Hive Architects to develop an outline scheme for refurbishment to RIBA Stage 2
- b) That once an agreed outline plan is reached that the plans be costed by a quantity surveyor

The committee may wish to appoint up to three members to work with officers and the architects to develop the scheme.