

Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission

13th February 2020



Report of:

Title: Bristol Temple Quarter

Ward: Windmill Hill and Lawrence Hill

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Recommendation:

The Scrutiny Committee will be presented with an overview of work that the Council has been involved in and promoted in Temple Quarter and an update on how future proposals for the area are progressing.

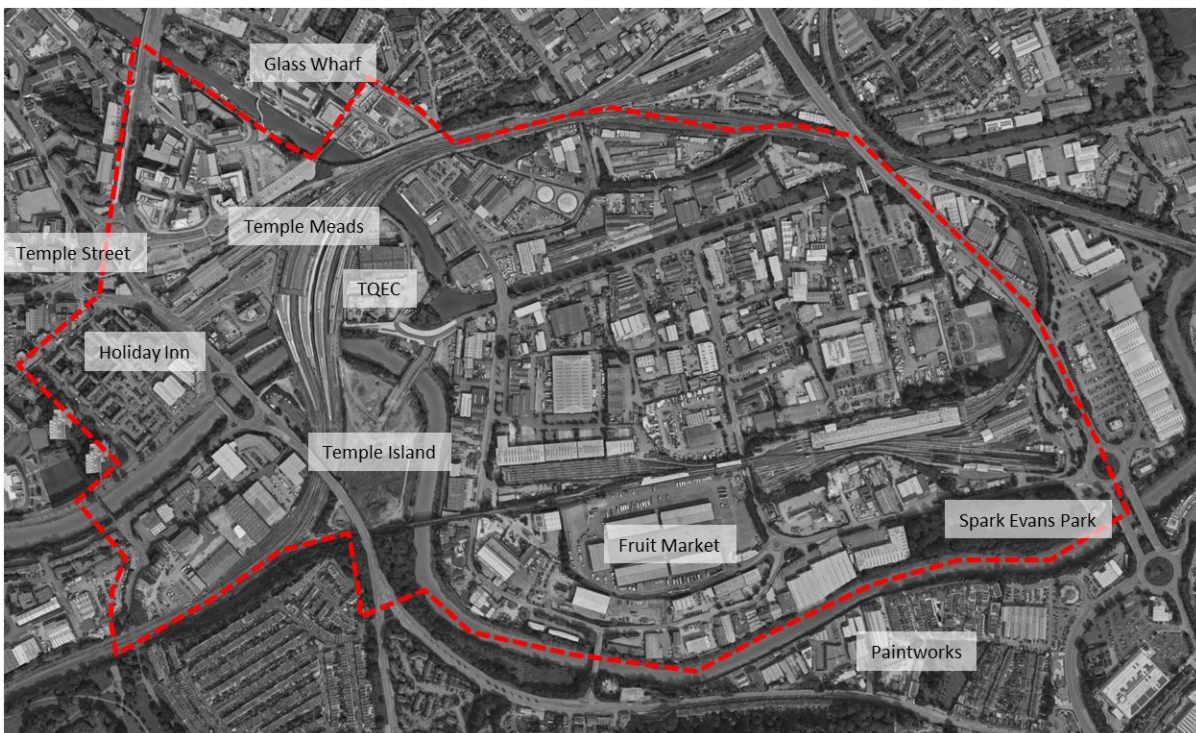


1. Purpose of this item

The purpose of this item is to provide an update to the Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the Temple Quarter programme, including:

- A site visit to Bristol Temple Meads and Temple Quarter
- Update on progress for current Temple Quarter projects
- Update on future proposals for Temple Mead station, Temple Quarter, and St Philips Marsh

2. Context - Temple Quarter and St Philips Marsh



The Temple Quarter is centred on Bristol Temple Meads station, and offers one of Bristol's most significant opportunities; to deliver new homes, enable economic growth, facilitate global innovation and maximise social prosperity.

Bristol City Council is working in closely with its partners at Network Rail, Homes England, West of England Combined Authority, and the University of Bristol to realise its vision for the area.

3. Progress to date

There are a number of significant projects that are underway or that have been completed within Temple Quarter, driving progress towards achieving the city's ambitions for this area.

Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone - an Enterprise Zone was established in Temple Quarter in 2012 and extended in 2017. The Enterprise Zone is performing well, attracting circa 4,000 jobs and 150 businesses to the area since its inception.

Engine Shed – delivery of an enterprise hub providing workspace for a range of high-tech, creative and low carbon businesses, including Bristol SETsquared, the University of Bristol's award-winning high-tech business incubator.

Demolition of the former sorting office – demolition of this eyesore building which has lain derelict for over 20 years, enabling regeneration and the sale of this site to the University of Bristol

Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus- the University of Bristol progressing proposals for its new enterprise campus, focusing on digital technologies, and including a new Quantum Technologies Information Centre and innovation hub

Infrastructure delivery - infrastructure delivered or being progressed to support improved connectivity and growth, including:

- Cattle Market Road highway improvements
- Temple Gate highway improvements
- Brock's Bridge
- St Philips Footbridge
- Harbour Walkway
- District heating

Temple Island – development of proposals to regenerate this important site

Engine Shed 2 – progression of proposals to deliver expansion of the Engine Shed to provide creative commercial space and to support regeneration of the area

Station works – delivered by Network Rail to improve capacity and passenger safety for people moving through the station through gateline enhancements. Funding has also been approved for maintenance and refurbishment works to the historic roof.

Masterplan – a study commissioned and progressing to develop long term plans for the area

4. Emerging proposals

Bristol Temple Meads

Bristol Temple Meads is at the heart of our ambitions to make Bristol and the West of England better connected, more sustainable and more successful. By 2030, the number of passengers using Bristol Temple Meads is expected to rise to 22m a year – more than double the number using the station today. This will make the region more productive and help citizens travel more sustainably. A key objective is therefore to transform the station into a 21st century destination that's fit for modern needs and more practically can accommodate the growth in passengers that the additional train services will deliver.

Detailed analysis has been undertaken to assess the work required to Bristol Temple Meads station to improve capacity to enable it to cope with the expected increase in passengers using the station, to improve the passenger experience and to create a gateway that is fit for the city. A number of interventions have been identified, are illustrated in the appended document and will be discussed in further detail at the Scrutiny meeting. These proposals include:

- A new northern entrance and gateway to the city, including an improved transport interchange
- A new eastern entrance, improving access and connectivity to the east of the station
- A potential new southern gateway, improving connectivity from the south of the city
- New and enhanced internal station passenger circulation to increase capacity and safety of passenger movement
- Further station works to platforms, tracks and signaling to increase station and rail capacity and improve the passenger experience

Wider Temple Quarter and St Philips Marsh

Work is also progressing to review the constraints and opportunities for regeneration of the areas around Bristol Temple Meads station, Temple Quarter and St Philips Marsh. An overview will be given at the Scrutiny Committee meeting, however this work is at an earlier stage and is still being developed. Key considerations that will shape future proposals include:

- Flood risk
- Existing employment land across the area and city
- Existing land ownerships
- The current planning policy context

5. Inclusive and sustainable growth

Central to the development of any future proposals for regeneration of the area is the consideration of how growth can be inclusive and sustainable for all of Bristol's citizens. This includes consideration and management of economic, physical and social factors.

- **Economic** – by working with developments that are coming forward, creating employment opportunities, good quality jobs/ on site skills academy, utilizing the development pipeline through planning, inward investment, linking with Economic Development and Employability and Skills on job brokerage.
- **Physical** – by improving access to the area and jobs, ensuring proposals coming forward connect community to city and reduce severance, overcome physical and perceived barriers, and leveraging contributions to create these improvements
- **Social** – by ensuring people are informed on city developments coming forward, engaged on city issues linking to physical environment, upskilled in planning, design & development, and ensuring ownership, engagement and employment in meanwhile projects

Future growth and regeneration of the area must also be grounded in considerations of environmental sustainability, with consideration of the city's ambitions for carbon neutrality by 2030.

6. Engagement

A programme of engagement activity is underway and will be ongoing throughout the lifetime of the programme to ensure that all stakeholders are informed about the changes happening in the area and have the opportunity to shape how future proposals are developed.

Two rounds of engagement activity have recently been undertaken, including sessions with local community groups, businesses, transport networks and other key stakeholders and forums. An online survey has also been carried out through the Council's consultation website. So far over 900 people have engaged to give their views, and feedback has been incorporated in to emerging proposals.

Further stages of engagement to take place, with the aim to:

- Keep external stakeholders informed about the next steps and how they can influence future stages
- Engage groups not previously involved (particularly in local communities)
- Engage existing businesses and establish mechanism for continued engagement
- Raise the profile of the vision and opportunities embedded in the programme
- Raise the profile of projects due to start in 2020/21
- Develop proposal for on-site meanwhile use for continued engagement and to sign post to jobs and opportunities

Appendices:

Temple Quarter update slide deck for Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Feb 2020

Background Papers:

None