

Facilities/Assembly Hall Update Report

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1. Blue Pool Asset Transfer

- CCTV Installation: CCTV has now been installed to enhance security following a series of break-ins at the Blue Pool building. The system is adaptable and can be repositioned to align with any future redesigns.
- Reinstatement Valuation: The reinstatement valuation has been completed (see attached). This allows the Council to obtain appropriate insurance coverage, which is a necessary step before the asset transfer can be finalized.
- Next Steps: The Council must now determine the long-term plan for the building, particularly in relation to relocating the Amenities Team. This move must be completed by December 2025, when the current lease at Bowerhill expires.

2. Health and Safety

- The Council retains Right Directions as its professional Health and Safety advisory service.
- An initial audit has been conducted, and the findings have been circulated to Members.
- Each line manager will now address the recommendations relevant to their area of responsibility. This will remain a standing item on future agendas to ensure continued oversight and progress.

3. Council Leases

- The pavilion lease remains unsigned despite ongoing correspondence with the Council's solicitor. This delay now presents a potential risk to the Council, and urgent resolution is required.

4. Market Place Repairs

- Repairs were previously delayed pending planning consent, which has now been granted.
- Work is scheduled to commence on 10 June 2025.

5. CCTV Expansion

- Meetings have been held with local Police to discuss enhanced CCTV coverage.
- A new camera is planned for Church Walk to address emerging security concerns.
- At present, no additional coverage is planned for Cannon Square, as the Police report no recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in that area.