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| Planning & Property Development Department,  |
| Block 4, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8  |
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| 9th June 2022 |
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| **Re :Redevelopment of the Fruit and Vegetable Market**  |

Dear Councillor,

 I wish to confirm the current position and approach to procurement of the works needed for the conservation and redevelopment of the Victorian Fruit and Vegetable Market at St Mary’s Lane, Dublin 7.

Progress to date:

The Project is of highest importance to Dublin City Council, not only in securing this landmark building as a market for future generations, but as a focal point in the local community and a catalyst for regeneration. A multi-use games area, public realm improvements and a car park at St Mary’s Lane have been delivered under the planning permission granted (Part 8). The next step is to carry out refurbishment and conservation works to the Market Building and finally to introduce a retail food market

Significant specialist conservation and structural works are required to safeguard the building. Dublin City Council has been successful in securing preliminary funding approval from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund in November 2021 for these works.

The Council has now appointed a conservation specialist who will identify works, methodology and specifications for refurbishment and conservation works, in order to ensure the highest standard of protection for the structure. This report is due for completion in the coming weeks.

Next Steps:

On completion of the report the Council will procure a Design Team and Contractor to complete the conservation works. The Council will also commence a procurement process for the remainder of the works and an operator for the market.

1. Indicative Timeline: Bring forward a brief/tender documents to procure a Design Team for Conservation Works - 18 Weeks
2. Appoint Design Team & Develop Design – including all conservation works, except for final market fit out (to be designed by market operator) - 26 weeks
3. Procure Construction Contractor - 16-24 weeks
4. Appoint Contractor - 4 weeks
5. Commence procurement process and finalise the tender documents for remainder of the works, the fit out and Operation of the Market (this procurement will overlap with 3 & 4 above)

The Members Advisory Group will receive regular updates and meet on a bi monthly basis.

Yours sincerely,



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