



Subject:	ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall – Capital and Maintenance Update
Date:	18 November 2024
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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1.1	Members have requested regular updates on capital and maintenance works at the ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall. This paper provides an update since the last report to Committee (March 2024).
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	Members are asked to note the update in relation to ongoing capital and maintenance works at the ICC Waterfront and Ulster Hall and in particular to note that the programme of toilet refurbishments/upgrades in the Waterfront has been completed.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Toilet Refurbishments</u></p> <p>Members will be aware that a programme of works to the toilets in the original Waterfront Hall was previously agreed with a budget allocated of approx. £500,000. The toilets had not been upgraded since the opening of the original venue in 1997 and were significantly outdated offering a poor customer experience. Members are asked to note that 11 toilet areas within the original building have now been significantly upgraded. This brings the existing washrooms up to date with the facilities provided as part of the ICC extension. The works included upgrades to the lighting and emergency lighting, ventilation, and facilities commensurate with those provided within the International Convention Centre.</p>
3.1.1	The works have now been completed and offer an enhanced experience for visitors attending events within the Waterfront Hall. Members will also be aware that a Changing Places facility was previously opened in 2022. Photos on the refurbished toilets are attached at Appendix 1.
3.2	<p><u>Smoke Curtains & Replacement of Chiller Units</u></p> <p>Members are asked to note that works in respect of the smoke curtains in the main auditorium and the replacement of the chiller units, are both now part of the Capital programme. Consultants have been appointed to help support the design & delivery of both projects.</p>
3.2.1	<p>Smoke Curtain – A quotation to undertake the CFD modelling works of the auditorium is currently out with the work due to be completed on the modelling by the end of the year. This will help inform the extent of works required to the auditorium and the required next steps. A further update will be provided to Members in the next report.</p>
3.2.2	<p>Chiller Units - An updated feasibility study has been completed for the chiller works. Approval to move to detailed design and tender stage is required and this is planned to be brought to SP&R Committee in November.</p>

3.2.3	<p>Members are asked to note that officers from Property & Projects are currently liaising with management from the ICC Waterfront to agree a window when the works on the chiller units and the smoke curtain (if required) will be carried out to minimise impacts from an operational perspective. Members are also asked to note that there is no capital financing associated with these projects and this will therefore also be subject to going through the Council's capital governance processes including going to Oversight Group and SP&R Committee to secure the necessary finance.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>As outlined in the report.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None arising.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Photos of the upgraded toilet facilities</p>