

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Town Infrastructure committee
Meeting date	13 th February 2025
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Agenda item	8

Confirmation for Restoration of Stratton Mural

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Receive confirmation from Infrastructure committee to drawn down S106 funds for restoration of the Stratton Mural following decision from Public Art Working Party on chosen artist.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The Public Art Working Party will meet on February 24th to review local artists' proposals for restoring the Stratton Way Mural. The Project Manager has coordinated with OCC Highways to refurbish railings and clean the walkway ahead of the restoration. As securing funds can take up to eight weeks and the timeline does not align with Committee meeting schedules, it is essential to approve the drawdown of S106 monies promptly to ensure the project begins in May 2025.

3. Action required

- 3.1 Confirmation from Infrastructure committee to start application of S106 funding.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

- 4.1 Objectives 2, 3 and 4.

Our key objectives:

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

5. **Background**

5.1 Stratton Mural is a key feature of Abingdon and was last refreshed in 2007. Project Manager has been tasked with the restoration of the current works, design and implementation of the underpass, working alongside the Arts Officer at South and Vale District Council.

6. **Key information and options**

6.1	24 th February 2025	Public Art working party will choose the artist
	March - April 2025	Project Manager to apply for funding
	May 2025	OCC highways to prep walk way and repair railings
	May 2025	Artist to begin restoration
	June 2025	Artist Brief for design of underpass to be circulated
	June 2025	OCC highways to base coat underpass
	July 2025	Public Art Working Party to confirm artist for underpass
	August 2025	Artist to begin works on underpass.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 N/A

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 Money available via S106 provision.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 NA

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 [Public Art Strategy](#)