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**Subject:** Town centre resurfacing

## 1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To update councillors on the progress of the planned town centre resurfacing works.

## 2.0 Background information

- 2.1 An update was provided on the resurfacing works to the Placemaking and Protection committee on 23 February 2021.
- 2.2 The works are scheduled to begin the week of 15 March and expected to last in the region of 3 months. Signs have been installed by the Highways Authority notifying the public of the dates of the works. A letter was hand delivered by Cllr Harrison to businesses on Town Street, the Market Place and segment of the High Street to inform them of the works and thank them for their cooperation. The works have also been publicised on social media and via the Shepton Mallet Journal as well as council noticeboards.
- 2.3 A letter was also handed out to the market traders at the Friday market, again thanking them for their cooperation in the relocation of the market for the duration of the works. The market will be relocated to the Great Ostry car park. The decision was made following MDC-led consultation of the traders and local businesses.
- 2.4 The town council, via the project officer, will have a direct point of contact with the contractors and site manager to address any major concerns. Regular updates will be provided by the contractors/SCC/Skanska throughout the works and any urgent matters addressed immediately. This will include being informed of any delays to the expected timeframe for completion.

**3.0 Financial Information**

3.1 A budget reconciliation will be carried out with SCC once the final list of works has been agreed and costed. However, to note that the costed proposal for the scheme came in under the budget of £300K.

**4.0 Town Plan Reference**

4.1 Placemaking

Ensure the town centre is attractive and welcoming	Invest in improvements in the Market Place, in partnerships with others  Support the retention of the Library in the centre of town and its development into a wider Community Hub  Improve the signage, information boards and street furniture to make the town more welcoming
Improve the Built Environment by working with partners to protect it	Integrate the emerging Neighbourhood Plan into local planning policy to ensure that developers are aware of local concerns, influences and desired outcomes when planning for growth

**5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 For councillors to note the content of this report.