

ADENDA ITEM 9i**General Manager's Overview**
MONTHLY REPORT FEB/MARCH 25
Council Project based Summary***Guildhall Refurbishment***

Project update:

- Alternative arrangements have been implemented to complete the outstanding capital works and to repair the flexi-step lift.
- A positive meeting was held with World Heritage Site representatives on 3rd March with a commitment to develop their website further to promote the Gateway Centre.
- Regular meetings have been held with regards to developing an event for the VE Day Celebrations on 8th May 25 in partnership with Tavistock BID and others. Schedule of activities to be released shortly. A Heritage alliance meeting is scheduled for 19th March.
- The Museum of Policing in Devon and Cornwall held another exhibition in January/February 2025, theme 'Men in Policing'.
- The calendar of booking/activities for 2025 includes regular learning outcomes with school visits and Discovery Team activities, as well as organisations hiring the Robing Room such as Devon and Cornwall Police, RBL and Dementia Memory Café. A schedule of free talks has been developed, including Simon Dell once a month on Fridays, as well as talks delivered by others on Dartmoor Prison and Forensics. A photography and mining exhibition has been planned for the month of September and there are regular bookings relating to paranormal investigations.
- Repairs to the interpretation audio visual systems have been carried out, primarily relating to images freezing and buttons being damaged on the black boxes.

Guildhall toilets provision

Project update:

- WDBC have made contact recently re: providing information on maintenance, vandalism etc which should be provided shortly, which will assist with developing a scope of works for the refurbishment of the toilet provision.
- The planned works are estimated to be IRO £80,000.

Museum Structural Works

Project update:

- Discussions are ongoing with Tavistock Museum and GY Architects on how best to address issues relating to dry rot.

- Further specialist advice is being sought in addition to reviewing options around availability of funding sources.
- A meeting has also been held with the Subscription Library to discuss a way forward with some anticipated maintenance works.

- ***Operational Update***

- Abbey Remains Project: Following on from the report submitted to Budget and Policy on 21st January 25, the grant application to NLHF for IRO £250,000 has now been submitted, determination date expected by April 25. A meeting was held with Historic England on 31st January to discuss the requirements for compiling a grant application for up to £200,000 towards this project. It was agreed that this grant application would focus on refurbishment works with a submission in May 25. The Council has now received the final Historic England grant payment for the phase one refurbishment works to Betsy Grimbals Tower.
- Multi-use wheeled sports area: In addition to the report submitted to Budget and Policy for 21st January 25, an extension of time was granted for the tender period and three compliant tender returns were received on 10th March. Due diligence is currently being undertaken week commencing 10th and 17th March and a report will be submitted with recommendations on how to proceed, for consideration on 1st April Special Council Meeting.
- As identified within the projects section of the Commercial and Community Service Improvement Plan 24/25, works have now been completed relating to the refurbishment/reconfiguration of the recycling/bin area within the pannier Market perimeter.
- From a compliance perspective, a full review of the asbestos management plan has been undertaken and necessary actions implemented. Departmental compliance assessments will be undertaken in April/May 25. Arising from the pot hole register inspections, a programme of works has been scheduled, some in-house, other aspects outsourced.
- Works to Abbey Walk and Market Rd retaining walls, following vehicle and storm damage were actioned and are both 95% complete, awaiting tarmacadam resurfacing only.

- A structural review of all of the street lighting in the Meadows was commissioned and a follow up meeting was undertaken with the surveyor to discuss next steps. An approach has been agreed to repair/replace 8 in No. units over the next quarter.

Yours Sincerely



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