

AGENDA ITEM 8i**General Manager's Overview**
MONTHLY REPORT MAY 25**• Project Updates**

Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- Flood defence boards completed, final account agreed and RM Builders have committed to covering the cost of repairs to the flexi-step lift.
- A Heritage Alliance Meeting was held on 23rd April with another scheduled for 4th June, primary focus relating to the Heritage Open Days.
- A repeat event for the Heritage Fair with partners has been scheduled to be held on 26th July 25.
- On 22nd May the Robing Room is booked for the Dementia Memory Café day and 23rd May a talk is scheduled on the history of Ten Tours.
- The Guildhall and other premises were made available on an emergency basis as a reception centre on 19th May to assist the Police and ancillary services with a local modern day slavery incident.
- The resignation of the Guildhall Heritage Assistant has been received and options are being considered specific to staffing arrangements for the remainder of 2025.
- The Council have agreed that Tavistock Museum can use the Robing Room on 30th June for a Grants Funding Trustees Workshop.
- No action taken with regards to compiling Guildhall toilets specification, awaiting information requested from other parties.
- Discussions are ongoing with the principal contractor with regards to rectifying defects pertaining to resin degradation within 5 parking bays.

Museum Structural Works:

- A meeting has been scheduled in early June to discuss partnership options with regards to securing funding for capital improvements. This is directly linked with consideration to such matters as dry rot etc.

Town Hall Enveloping Works:

- Retention signed off on 28th April.

Abbey Remains Project:

- Grant application for £200,000 to be submitted to Historic England week commencing 26th May 25.

Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- Pre-start meeting facilitated by Council was held with Canvas Spaces and Tavi Skate on 16th April.
- First public consultation was held at Tavistock Youth Café on 7th May. <https://canvasspaces.co.uk/tavistock-skatepark>
- A funding feasibility study has been compiled by Canvas Spaces and this demonstrates, as anticipated, the real foreseeable challenges of raising all the funding required to complete this project as currently budgeted. Sec106 options have been reviewed around securing additional funding, ensuring that any such agreements are not at detriment to future planned improvements to the play-park provision within the Meadows.

- ***Operational Update***

- Your Officer, along with Tavistock BID would like to thank all participants and partners who assisted in supporting the VE Day Celebrations within the town centre and on Whitchurch Down, held on 8th May, which it appears were positively received and well attended.
- The Commercial and Community Service Improvement Plan 25/26 will be submitted to Budget and Policy on 10th June for consideration.
- Discussions are being held in June with sponsors and partners specific to the Council continuing to work effectively and providing support for the Cream Tea Festival 2025 and scheduled Eat Festival and Dartmoor Marathon in 2026.
- From a compliance perspective, all the memorial inspections in Plymouth Road Cemetery have been completed.
- Tenders are currently being drafted for the Council utility contracts, to be advertised in June 25.

Yours Sincerely



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