

AGENDA ITEM 10i**General Manager's Overview**

MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2025

• Project Updates

Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- A Heritage Alliance Meeting was held on 4th June, primary focus relating the Heritage Open Days.
- Arrangements have been actioned by the Council to co-ordinate another Heritage Fair on 26th July 2025.
- Agreement has been reached with the principal contractor pertaining to the methodology of repairing the flexi-step lift (cost estimated at £4,000).
- A review of staffing operating arrangements has been considered and implemented for a 12 month period which includes the retention of the current Guildhall Heritage Assistant following previous report pertaining to resignation.
- Exeter City Council Officers are visiting the Guildhall on 8th July to discuss how the project was delivered and any learning outcomes which may assist with a concept that they are considering.
- WDBC have advised that they will provide the information previously requested shortly with the aim of progressing the transfer of the Guildhall toilets asset.
- The principal contractor has committed to undertaking temporary repairs to the surfacing whilst discussions are ongoing to rectifying defects pertaining to resin degradation within 5 parking bays in the Guildhall Car Park.

Museum Structural Works:

- Works have been actioned in Tavistock Museum to remove infected timber and repairs/reinstatement have been carried out accordingly. A meeting has been arranged for 26th June to discuss next steps and how the Council and Museum can work together effectively on funding bids for asset improvements.

Abbey Remains Project:

- A meeting was held with Historic England on 16th June pertaining to the £200,000 grant application for improvements to Betsey Grimal's Tower, it is expected that the final submission will be early July with Historic England advising that it is a 6 to 8 week determination period.

Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- The Council met with Tavi Skate recently and it has been agreed that a meeting needs to be held asap with Canvas Spaces to discuss next steps with funding and consultation

due to the apparent financial challenges relating to the lack of availability of grant options to address project shortfall.

- **Operational Update**

- The Commercial and Community Service Improvement Plan 25/26 was submitted to Budget and Policy on 10th June. As an update to that submission, Project 12 it is intended that the review of the Market Rules and Regulations (including sickness and annual leave) will be carried out in the next quarter and the wider consultation meeting will be held in Town Hall on 22nd October 2025.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Tavi Pride to discuss operational aspects relating to the parade on 5th July and it is planned to arrange a meeting in July/August to discuss future partnership working and other matters.
- A meeting has been scheduled for 3rd July with Tavistock BID and event sponsors to discuss partnership arrangements/opportunities relating to Eat Festival and Dartmoor Marathon in 2026.
- From a compliance perspective, a review of departmental risk assessments and safe systems of work has been actioned and this process should take 3 months to complete.
- The utility tender contact has been advertised with the return date being 16th July 2025. Tenders will be reviewed 30% technical and 70% price, and subject to submissions falling within budgeted parameters, contract will be let running from 1st August 2025 with a duration not exceeding 30 months (31st Jan 2028).
- A meeting is scheduled with Devon County Council on 26th June to discuss various concerns re: maintenance of public realm/drainage.
- Various meetings have been held with WDBC to discuss Goose Fair operational matters, more specifically relating to event waste management and also the Council utilising the bus station space in 2025.

Yours Sincerely



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