

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL \*\***  
**Review of 2024-25**

<b>What we set out to do</b>	<b>What we did</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>New: LGR/ Localism</b>	Established Working Group, collaboration with other Councils and sector bodies	If progress can be made: a priority area to secure the long term best interests of the Town. Two prior workstreams – Communications & Engagement and Children & Young People have been integrated into this wider head.
<b>ADDRESS Funding Gap Immediate:</b> in-year mgm't of expenditure to restore revenue pressures	Prudent financial mgm't. Savings &/or spend deferred where possible.	The General Reserve has been restored. However, see below regarding challenges in connection with capital reserves.
<b>ADDRESS Funding Gap – Ongoing</b> discipline to secure a minimum 'safe' unallocated reserve for unforeseen repairs/ works of £500,000	Care taken in the application of monies to priority capital projects to ensure best value and prudent spend and avoidance of future allocations to non-core spend. That includes making some projects conditional on external funding (see below).	The target has not yet been met and increased costs can be anticipated, inter alia, general repair costs, energy efficient measures, emergency wks, and any localism initiatives. Failure to sufficiently resource reserves can prejudice capacity in these and other areas.
<b>Public Conveniences</b> (Guildhall WC's)	Continuing negotiation with the admin - istering authority.	Negotiations on-going – originally part of the localism workstream
<b>Planning for the future</b>	To support progress in relation to a Neighbourhood Dvlp't Plan for the Town and completion of the review of the Conservation Area Management Plan and Appraisal	NDP supported to completion (subject to LPA ratification), CAMP and CAA support to consultation draft stage.
<b>Guildhall Gateway Centre</b>	Establish sustainable future operating &	Interim operating arrangements now normalised/ mainstreamed.

	funding arrangement	
<b>Sustainability and the Environment</b>	To continue to develop good practice.	Bi-annual reporting now embedded.
Development and introduction of <b>Property Maintenance Plan</b>	To identify & programme the long term on-going work on properties + planned repairs	Initiation pending
<b>Market Test Legal Services</b>	To secure a longer term arrangement	Retendered previously - agreement reached to extend the current contract to normal term.
<b>Market Test</b> exercise regarding <b>Surveyor Services</b>	To test the Market	To be commenced on completion of outstanding long term property matter.
<b>Updating of records and publication requirements</b>	Compliance and good practice	Part of the regulatory/compliance backlog addressed elsewhere on the Agenda
<b>Long Leases (public)</b>	Sought to achieve solution that benefits the Town and secures support of key stakeholders	Some Long Leases secured agreement regarding Courtgate – Police Museum Others outstanding but not urgent at this time
<b>Long leases (private)</b>	Negotiations continuing	Proceedings satisfactorily concluded subject to final review
<b>Tenancy Matter (Debtor)</b>	Proceedings for a) recovery of premises and b) delinquent debts due	(a) Completed, (b) nearing completion
<b>New Energy Perf Certificates + related matters</b>	To identify/ meet new requirements	Preliminary works (EPC's and DPC's) been/being commissioned for all premises
<b>Martyn's Law (Protect Duty)</b>	To prepare for new requirements	Preliminary training previously provided, Act now (April) in force wef 2027
<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy</b>	To develop a MTFS to assist with financial planning	In abeyance given recent uncertainties around inflation and related matters. In the meantime cash flow is being monitored on a monthly basis (working on a 12month plan period).
<b>Bannawell Play Area</b>	Provision of new play equipment supported by s106 funding	Completed
<b>Abbey Remains (Betsy Grimal's Tower*)</b>	Worked with THT sub-group to co-support grant	Part of a potentially wider project to reinstate and repair. Grant applications since submitted to NLHF (initially unsuccessful) and Historic England

	application to fund professional scoping works	
<b>Multi Use Wheeled Sports Area</b>	Worked with stakeholder group who will lead on funding	Contract let subject to funding and planning
<b>VE Day Commemoration</b>	Arrange a commemorative Beacon and other events	Worked with BID Co and stakeholders for a programme of events. Beacon arranged on Whitchurch Down

- \* Indicates in-year project
- \*\* ie non-Business as Usual Activities