

AGENDA ITEM 9i**General Manager's Overview**
MONTHLY REPORT JULY 25**• Project Updates**

Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- The main capital contract has been completed, signed off and outstanding finances paid.
- The flexi-stairlift repairs are scheduled for August (cost £4,477.20).
- The Guildhall Gateway Centre has commenced its Monday openings, aligned with the Pannier market summer arrangements.
- A Heritage Alliance Meeting was held on 15th July with the main focus on the Heritage Fair being held on 26th July and Heritage Open Days scheduled for the period of 12th-21st September. Specific to the Heritage Fair, the Council has arranged the event with the majority of heritage partners attending, opening time 10am-3pm in the courtroom and Robing Room, with exhibitors using it as an opportunity to promote their activities and discuss volunteer opportunities. Other events/activities during this period include Discovery team summer sessions on 30th July, 6th August, 13th August and 27th August, a talk by Simon Dell on 8th August and an exhibition by Museum of Policing in Devon and Cornwall starting on 6th August (theme Policing the Blitz).
- The Guildhall hosted representatives from Exeter City Council on 8th July, primarily to discuss the Guildhall Project in detail from inception to current status.
- No progress made with Guildhall toilet asset discussions (WDBC) or temporary reinstatement of damaged parking bays (RM Builders).

Museum Structural Works:

- Phase 1 of remedial works to remove and replace defective timber in Tavistock Museum has been completed. A meeting was held with the Chair and Museum Manager on 26th June specifically relating to the implementation of the Building Management Guide and to discuss future opportunities to apply for grant funding between partners.

Abbey Remains Project:

- The Historic England grant application was submitted on 9th July (£254,000 with match funding, targeted at renovation of Betsy Grimbals Tower), determination period between 6-8 weeks.

Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- The Council met with Tavi Skate on 7th July to discuss challenges pertaining to project progress and a formal meeting with Canvas Spaces has been scheduled for week commencing 4th August to agree next steps specific to programme timeline and funding.

- ***Operational Update***

- The Council supported the traffic management aspects for the Tavi Pride Parade on 5th July and a meeting is planned for August to discuss future partnership opportunities, expectations and other matters.
- A meeting was held on 9th July with Tavistock BID and event sponsors to discuss partnership arrangements/opportunities relating to Eat Festival and Dartmoor Marathon in 2026 with another meeting between all partners scheduled for 3rd September.
- Following the tender process, report submitted to Budget and Policy re: analysis, the utility contract has now been let to Clear Utility Solutions with all contracts signed for transfer.
- A meeting arranged by DCC happened on 10th July to discuss various concerns re: maintenance of public realm/drainage which was attended by TTC Officers.
- A meeting was held with WDBC Officers on 15th July to discuss future opportunities/projects specific to S106 funds relating to Meadows.
- All staff have been notified of timescales and process relating to recruitment within works department.
- Regarding Goose Fair, the waste contract will be tendered early August.

Yours Sincerely



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