

**AGENDA ITEM 8i****General Manager's Overview**

MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 25

**• Project Updates**

## Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- A Heritage Alliance Meeting was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September focussed entirely on Heritage Open Days (HOD's). The event starts on 12<sup>th</sup> September with a talk being held in the Guildhall, with the venue opened for HODs on 20<sup>th</sup> September as well (including scheduled activities, Discovery Team and local performances). The event runs from 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September with 30 scheduled tours/open days, theme 'Architecture – Buildings, Bridges and Beehives'.
- The Heritage Fair was hosted within the Guildhall on 26<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a repeat event with discussions planned around how to increase visitor attendance.
- Other events/activities during this period included Discovery team summer sessions on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> August, a talk by Simon Dell on 5<sup>th</sup> September on Tavistock Canal and an exhibition by the Museum of Policing in Devon and Cornwall throughout August 'Policing the Blitz'. There is a scheduled talk on 17<sup>th</sup> October on 'Policing the Peninsula' and throughout September and October there is an exhibition in the Robing Room, linked with the WHS, as part of the 'Ruins and Monuments' project, titled 'Ruin River Exhibition'.
- The flexi-stairlift repairs, costing £4,477.20 are planned for early October once the parts have been delivered (anticipated mid-September).
- Guildhall toilet asset discussions with WDBC are scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## Museum Structural Works:

- A meeting was held with an external contractor on 4<sup>th</sup> September to discuss works to address defective timber on a ground floor window.

## Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- A progress meeting was held with TaviSkate, the Council and Canvas Spaces on 8<sup>th</sup> August. A second set of revised drawing were received on 5<sup>th</sup> September, following feedback from previous consultations. The Council are arranging for geotechnical investigations relating to the site, specific to drainage and ground configuration and Canvas Spaces are shortly commissioning a topographical survey. TaviSkate are now constituted as a CIC and are arranging a bank account and once this is achieved they will be actively reviewing

funding opportunities. An oral report on progress has previously been made to the Budget and Policy Committee.

Abbey Remains Project:

- Awaiting feedback from Historic England re: grant application submitted. The project team have held further meetings to discuss alternative/additional opportunities to apply for project funding for targeted areas of the initiative e.g. archaeological/interpretation.

- **Operational Update**

- A meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, facilitated by the Council, in attendance Tavistock BID, event sponsors and event organisers to discuss partnership arrangements/opportunities relating to Eat Festival for 2026 with some positive actions being agreed to develop the event further.
- Following the tender process relating to utilities, all contracts have now been transferred to the new providers.
- A meeting was held with the Scouts (tenancy matter) relating to concerns around parking in Pixon Lane open space and access being restricted. A short term cost effective solution has been agreed.
- The Council have taken over ownership from the Scrapstore of the ships container located in Pixon lane open space.
- The Town Hall and Events Manager position has been advertised (now closed), shortlisting completed with interviews scheduled for week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- A position for Landscape and Maintenance Operative at the Works Depot will be advertised week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- Regarding Goose Fair, the waste contract tender process has been completed with due diligence currently being undertaken with the preferred tenderer.

Yours sincerely



Wayne R. C. Southall MBA (Open) BEng (Hons) Dip NEBOSH  
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