

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

Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- A Heritage Alliance Meeting was held on 8th September, focussed on Heritage Open Days, with the opening event in the Guildhall on 12th September and a follow up event on 20th. A further Alliance Meeting is scheduled for 5th Nov.
- Other events/activities during this period, leading up to Christmas include: scheduled Simon Dell talks, paranormal bookings, Moorland Hall, Castlebridge and Mount Kelly Prep, St Joseph's School bookings, Cheeky Reaper event (Mock Trial), Plymouth Marjon University- Mock Court Assessment booking and regular usage of Robing Room by THT, VIC volunteers, Tavistock Museum, RBL and Abbey Remains Project.
- The flexi-stairlift repairs, costing £4477.20 are being carried out on 28th October which on completion will make the venue fully accessible again.

Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- A progress meeting was held with TaviSkate, Council and Canvas Spaces on 19th September. Main actions arising from this meeting related to exploring funding opportunities now that TaviSkate had a bank account and had been constituted as a CIC.

Abbey Remains Project:

- TTC were notified by Historic England on 10th Oct that they were successful with the grant application, amount awarded, £195,449. This grant will go towards the completion of improvement works to Betsy Grimbals Tower, project value £245,449, completion date target Nov 26. Following on from this notification a meeting was held with NLHF on 21st Oct. Now that the match funding from Historic England has been secured, NLHF have advised that they would encourage a resubmission of the application for the wider project deliverables that failed in early 25. This grant application will be submitted on 29th Oct, with consideration expected in Jan 26.

• Operational Update

- Several meetings have been held recently with partners to discuss how TTC can support the reintroduction of the Dartmoor Marathon, scheduled for 8th April 2026 with the start and finish planned along Plymouth Rd/Guildhall car-park.

One of the main challenges is planning arrangements relating to alterations for the traffic network for a 5 hrs period.

- The Cemetery Walkabout was undertaken on 10th Sept.
- Agreement has been reached around terms of use and Junior Park Runs have commenced within the Meadows every Sunday.
- Following a two stage recruitment process the new Town Hall and Events Manager started in post week commencing 27th Oct. An appointment into the vacated Duty Officer position has also been made.
- A position for Landscape and Maintenance Operative at the Works Depot will be readvertised mid-November.
- Display Energy Certificates have been completed for all of our municipal buildings.
- Necessary due diligence is being undertaken relating to gatherings on Bedford Square.
- Guildhall toilet asset discussions with WDBC were undertaken on 12th September. WDBC's aspiration is to have the asset transferred by end March 26 but this will be subject to agreement on such aspects as future management arrangements, WDBC's approach to maintaining other assets and amount of financial support allocated for necessary capital improvements.
- Specific to Goose Fair, a meeting will be scheduled with WDBC early 26 to discuss how best respective organisations can work together in the future to ensure the medium/long term sustainability of Goose Fair, with the blended and complementary offer of traders (main and side streets) and showmen (primarily Bedford car-park) a critical element to maintain. Following a procurement exercise FCC were awarded the waste contract for 2025 and TTC used the bus station for its control centre/emergency services under licence from WDBC.

Yours Sincerely



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