

AGENDA ITEM No 7

TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE

2nd DECEMBER 2025

GOOSE FAIR - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025

- 1.1 Appended is a schedule reporting income and expenditure to date (see below re park and ride). There will therefore again be a modest loss incurred on the event. It is also recognised that there will be a range of ongoing and/or indirect and/or ad hoc costs which are not included, such as staff time over the course of the year, printing/postage/insurance/some miscellaneous costs etc.
- 1.2 Furthermore as the Committee will be aware whilst the event is Town Council led it is dependent on a partnership with the ongoing commitment by both respective partner organisations to ensure that the visitor experience is maintained relating to the blended offer of traders and showmen on the highway and within Bedford Car Park.
- 1.3 Subject to the caveat above by way of financial comparison, the figures for 2024 are also included. The Committee will note, in particular, the slight increase in Park and Ride Income, could be due to the newly introduced Adult and Child prices (previously a mix of that and vehicle pricing) across all sites. However, it remains the case that Park and Ride represents a significant buffer for lack of capacity for in-town parking during the period that Bedford Car Park is closed and is therefore a necessary part of the event footprint.
- 1.4 Looking ahead the Council will wish to keep event costs under review in the normal way. Reporting on more general operating/delivery arrangements will be via the Works Manager following engagement with the designated Consultative Group.
- 1.5 On a related matter it has been the past practice of this Council to recognise the support given by the local Lions Club (at Goose Fair 'Park and Ride' sites) through the award of a grant payment each year. This also acknowledges the important work they do in the community supporting and delivering other community events/initiatives with activities such as stewarding.
- 1.6 This has been in the sum of £2,000 to the Tavistock Lions Club who have supported this initiative over many years, and now administer the three park and ride sites on the day. The Council is therefore invited to recognise the contribution made by the Tavistock Lions Club by way of grant as in previous years. In the circumstances

Council may wish to consider an award of £2,000 to the Lions Club of Tavistock.

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