

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

## Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- A meeting was held with WHS on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov and it has been agreed that the Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 26 will host an interactive dome as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the WHS. The Council and heritage partners will take this opportunity to expand on this with other events/activities.
- The Guildhall will be open until 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, including Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Gateway Centre will reopen on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Within Nov the Guildhall was used by Heritage Alliance, Tavistock Museum and THT Research team and Simon Dell held a talk on Devon Murders. In December Plymouth Marjon are using the facility for a mock Courtroom assessment, the Abbey Remains Project are holding a meeting in the Robing Room and Simon Dell is hosting a talk on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. After reopening in January The Heritage Alliance are meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January, Simon Dell has a further talk scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> January and the Museum for Policing will be running an exhibition in the Robing Room until March on 'Keeping the Kings Peace'.
- The flexi-stairlift repairs have been completed and the venue is now fully accessible again.

## Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area

- A progress meeting will held with TaviSkate, Council and Canvas Spaces on 12<sup>th</sup> December, main topics: funding options/shortfall contingencies and project programme.

## Abbey Remains Project:

- The Council on behalf of the Abbey Remains Partnership submitted a grant application to NLHF on 29<sup>th</sup> October. NLHF have advised that this application will be considered in mid-January 26 with decision notification that month.
- Discussions were held with Historic England post the grant award. Both parties have now signed contracts and part payment has been received. It was agreed that the professional services for the conservation architects relating to the capital works to Betsy Grimbals Tower and Stillhouse would need to be advertised. The tenders will be advertised week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> Dec with a return date week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- A project team meeting has been scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

- **Operational Update**

- Officers arranged several tours for Cllrs of the MOC in November and clearance/reinstatement works, previously identified, have been scheduled for Jan/Feb 26.
- TTC have agreed to assist Tavistock Museum with reinstatement of the rear courtyard outbuildings, scheduled for Jan 26.
- The Council has continued with its support to established partners, more recently pertaining to Trees of Light and Dickensian Evening.
- After consultation with Pannier Market traders, revised closing times have been agreed for 2026. This will include 4:30pm closure for all Saturdays and the months of June, July, August and Dec, with the remaining being 4pm. These amended arrangements will be monitored to ensure adherence.
- Another tranche of EPCs have been completed, primarily relating to Duke Street assets.
- Further due diligence is being undertaken relating to gatherings on Bedford Square and/or Guildhall car-park relating to both newer and historical uses.
- There has been regular correspondence with WDBC regarding the transfer of the Guildhall toilets asset. TTC have provided a full costing for refurbishment works with an expectation of a 50% financial contribution by WDBC prior transfer. Other aspects influencing negotiations relate to WDBC's medium term plans with the other public convenience assets, life expectancy of core infrastructure (e.g. wallgate units) and the recent maintenance/resource costs pertaining to increased anti-social behaviour towards these assets. The target is for asset transfer by April 26, with capital expenditure within 23 months of receipt.
- A date has been agreed in January 26 for TTC/WDBC to discuss partnership opportunities specific to Goose Fair to ensure the sustainability of the event post LGR.

Yours Sincerely



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