

**AGENDA ITEM 8i****General Manager's Overview**  
**MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY/MARCH 26****• Project Updates**

Guildhall Gateway Centre Complex:

- The centre is hosting themed Crime and Punishment Month-Talks every Friday throughout March from various individuals (Devon and Cornwall Police Forensics/Dartmoor Prison/Simon Dell and the Policing Museum).
- Site meetings have been held with the Principal Contractor and sub-contractor regarding rectifying the 5 in No. resin parking bays within the Guildhall car-park which are under a 10 year warranty. It appears that agreement has been reached with regards to rectification, both temporary and permanent but it has been explained that the Council will implement necessary legal proceedings should rectification not come to fruition.
- Investigations are underway to address certain challenges relating to water ingress and damp. A pre-application is to be submitted to WDBC to discuss options relating to lead work on the external fabric.

Multi-use Wheeled Sports Area:

- The Council commissioned a geotechnical consultant to undertake contamination, soakaway and strength/loadbearing tests to the soil but the works have been delayed due to the adverse weather conditions and they will now be actioned early April, utilising the works depot for excavating, backfilling etc.

Abbey Remains Project:

- Appointments have been made for the project Evaluation Consultant which is Mel Humphries and the Conservation Architect of the capital works to Betsy Gimbals Tower and Stillhouse which is Le Page Architects. Prestart meetings have been held with both appointments. Regarding the capital works, site meetings have been held with representatives of adjoining neighbours (Vicarage and Bedford Hotel) and a meeting is scheduled in early April with Historic England and the County Archaeologist relating to discussing anticipated excavation works within the scheduled monument designation.
- The Council has received 50% of the grant from NLHF.

- **Operational Update**

- A report will be submitted to next round of Budget and Policy regarding next steps to address water ingress and dry rot within Tavistock Museum. A pre-application is to be submitted to WDBC to discuss options relating to additional lead work externally and removal of timber and plaster internally. Temporary works have been implemented to support seven failed timber lintels within the museum tower.
- A report will be submitted to the next round of Budget and Policy regarding suggested next steps pertaining to the boiler systems within Town Hall and Town Council Offices.
- Discussions are on-going with partners to support the Dartmoor Marathon.
- Discussions are ongoing with WDBC relating to Goose Fair but TTC have been notified that WDBC intend to advertise the letting of the Bus station and Bedford car-park on a one year basis for this years event.
- Clearance/reinstatement works will not start until May/June regarding MOC conversion for community space and therefore this may have an impact on licence arrangements. The reason for the delay relates to the impact of significant emergent works in Duke Street, Pannier Market perimeter and Tavistock Museum.
- WDBC have confirmed that they have allocated £40,000 capital match funding towards improving the Guildhall Toilets and therefore discussions are now underway relating to the legal side specific to the transfer of the asset as well as agreeing management/maintenance arrangements for 26/27 financial year.

Yours Sincerely



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