

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE  
21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2025  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**GOOSE FAIR - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024**

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. As the Committee will be aware whilst the event is Town Council led it is also a partnership with West Devon Borough Council and only capable of being delivered in the current and longstanding format on that basis.

Returning to finance, and by way of comparison, the figures for 2023 are also included. The Committee will note, in particular, the maintenance of general stability in income as reported last year, after a longstanding period when park and ride, most especially, had moved from being cost neutral/slightly profitable to being a material cost. 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.

Through careful management, including moving away from WDBC as cleaning services provider to secure appreciable savings, costs have for the first time in some time shown a welcome slight reduction. This is not anticipated to represent a trend, but rather a one off correction and it is therefore prudent to assume that the cost base will, other factors notwithstanding, resume an upward trend in future unless both general and/or sector specific inflationary pressures abate. Accordingly the Council will no doubt wish to keep event costs under review. Reporting on more general operating/delivery arrangements will be via the Works Manager following engagement with the designated Consultative Group.

Turning to outstanding matters 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. Recently 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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