Assistant to the Town Clerk's Report

(February/March 2018)

1. Dates for your diary

| Civic Ball | Friday 13 th April 2018 |
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| Grants Presentation Evening | Wednesday 25 th April 2018 (please note change of date) |
| Mayor's End of Term Party | Monday 21 st May 2018 |

2. <u>Planning Training for Members</u>

As previously requested by Council, I have arranged Planning Training in our Council Chamber on Tuesday 29th May 2018 (start time to be confirmed) immediately prior to the Development Management & Licensing (DM&L) Committee Meeting due to be held that evening. Should there be sufficient spaces available, I am planning to offer this training to local Parish Councils to help offset the costs of providing it.

All Tavistock Town Councillors are encouraged to attend this training, whether or not they sit on the DM&L Committee.

Further information will follow and Members are requested to confirm their attendance.

3. Activity Log

CONFERENCE & TRAINING ACTIVITY LOG

CIVIC YEAR 2017-2018 (COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE) (13th February – 26th March 2018)

| DATE OF MEETING | SUBJECT | LOCATION | ORGANISER | COUNCILLORS BOOKED TO ATTEND |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 th March 2018 | Preparing for Audit | Exeter | DALC | _ |
| 22 nd March 2018 | New & Existing Councillors (TAP Funded) | Tavistock | DALC/Severn Net | Cllr Ms L Crawford Cllr P Ward |

4. Council Chamber Bookings

Chamber bookings (not including Council meetings), from 13th February – 26th March 2018:

- 15 non-chargeable meetings (internal meetings, or a TTC representative attending on behalf of TTC, partner organisations or Mayoral events)
- 0 chargeable meeting/training session
- 0 training sessions (non-chargeable)

Anyone wishing to book the Chamber is asked to either telephone the Office on 01822 613529, or e-mail the Office (office@tavistock.gov.uk), to ensure the booking diary is kept up

to date.

5. Property Update

There are currently no vacant residential properties, and the only vacant commercial premises (Unit 3, East End Stores) is being utilised as explained in previous reports.

- <u>General including ongoing activities in the Admin Office</u> the Office continues to support the organisation across the range of Civic, administrative, financial and corporate activities. It is anticipated that a report on office staffing will be brought forward in April 2018.
- **7.** <u>Organisational Matters</u> work in connection with the re-tendering of Council insurance services is ongoing. There is also the matter of preparation for the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Events for Mayor's Diary: The events up to February 2018 are posted on the Council's website.

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