

Yeovil Town Council



Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Culture Committee

Culture

Tuesday 16th June 2026

7:00pm

Hybrid Meeting:

**Face-to-face at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil
BA20 1PQ; and virtual using Zoom meeting software**

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact
town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk.

Amanda Card, Chief Executive / Town Clerk
10th June 2026

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Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Tareth Casey

Karina Parsons (Vice Chair)

Karl Gill

Evie Potts-Jones

Emma-Jayne Hopkins

Ashley Richards

Jane Lowery

Wes Read (*Ex-Officio*)

Tony Lock (*Ex-Officio*)

Dave Woan (Chair)

Graham Oakes

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A G E N D A

Public Comment (15 Minutes)

11/229 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

11/230 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

11/231 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026 and 12th May 2026.

11/232 OUTTURN REPORT FOR 2025/26

To consider the outturn position for 2025/26; and to recommend to Executive transfers to and from reserves for Culture Committee attached at pages 6 to 11.

11/233 BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE

To consider the Budget Monitor Update Month 2 (April 2026 – May 26) attached at pages 12 to 14.

11/234 BLUE PLAQUE TRAIL

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at pages 15 to 17.

11/235 SUPER SATURDAY – JULY 4th UPDATE

To consider the report by the Events Officer attached at pages 18 to 19.

11/236 OCTAGON ARTS ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH REPORT 2025-26

To consider a presentation and the report by the Arts Engagement & Outreach Manager (Somerset Council) attached at pages 20 to 23.

11/237 SOUTH SOMERSET HERITAGE COLLECTION - LUFTON UPDATE

To consider the report by the Director of Culture attached at pages 24 to 25.

11/238 TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS UPDATE

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 26.

11/239 COUNTRY WEST FEST

To consider the report by the Director of Culture attached at pages 27 to 29.

11/232 OUTTURN REPORT FOR 2025/26

A small overspend by Community Heritage caused by Business Rates.

Positive Outturn for Westlands Entertainment Venue. This was the first year of full operation under Yeovil Town Council. Comparisons to previous year outturn may not provide a fully accurate picture due to delays in information provided by Somerset Council.

Pantomime Success - Beauty and the Beast set a new sales record for pantomime at Westlands Entertainment Venue. A total of 22,744 tickets were sold for the production, an increase on Jack and the Beanstalk (21,405) and Cinderella (22,246).

The number of tickets sold for performances, events and festivals at Westlands Entertainment Venue for the financial year 2025/26 was 105,259. This is the first time over 100,000 tickets have been sold at the venue in a 12month period setting a new record and driving secondary spend.

Members are requested to consider using the underspend from Westlands Entertainment Venue to finance installing air conditioning throughout the venue.

- The venue currently has an air handling system that draws in air from outside but does not cool the air.
- On Sunday 24th May at the performance of The Glenn Miller & Big Band Spectacular the temperature was recorded at 33 degrees in the Ballroom. The following week during rehearsal for Castaways Theatre Group production of Annie the temperature was recorded at 34 degrees.
- The most frequent complaint received by staff at the venue is regarding temperature and overheating at the venue. We can see that this does impact ticket sales over the summer period.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED**:

- (1) to consider the outturn position for 2025/26; and
- (2) to recommend to Executive transfers to and from reserves for Culture Committee.

(Adam Burgan, Director of Culture adam.burgan@yeovil.gov.uk)

2024/25					2025/26								
Budget	Month 1 - 12 spent 31/03/2025	(Over) / Under Spend	Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve Contribution	Budget Title	Original Budget	Budget Virement	Revised budget	Month 1 - 12 spent 31/03/2026	(Over) / Under Spend	To/(From) Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve Contribution	Notes
£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
					EXPENDITURE								
					Director of CEP:								
64,670	46,493	18,177	0	18,177	Salaries - Basic & NI	69,610	0	69,610	70,740	(1,130)		(1,130)	
12,920	7,879	5,041	0	5,041	Salaries - Pension	13,650	0	13,650	14,697	(1,047)		(1,047)	
0	173	(173)	0	(173)	Other Costs	0	0	0	1,399	(1,399)		(1,399)	
12,400	12,441	(41)	0	(41)	Mayoral Allowance	12,770	0	12,770	2,555	10,215		10,215	Un-spend mayor's allowance returned from previous mayor.
0	(83)	83	0	83	Other Mayor Costs	0	0	0	54	(54)		(54)	
0	138	(138)	0	(138)	Travel Costs - Ex Officios	200	0	200	24	176		176	
0	98	(98)	0	(98)	Mace Bearer Salary	1,000	0	1,000	617	383		383	
3,500	3,500	0	0	0	Band Costs	3,500	0	3,500	0	3,500		3,500	
					Christmas Lights:								
52,000	32,194	19,806	(26,906)	46,712	Hire, Installation & Safety Checks	54,840	0	54,840	55,214	(374)		(374)	
30	0	30	0	30	Christmas Lights Competition	30	0	30	0	30		30	
2,000	8,069	(6,069)	0	(6,069)	Christmas Lights Switch On Event	8,000	0	8,000	7,040	960		960	
					Community Heritage:								
33,340	23,388	9,952	0	9,952	Salaries - Basic & NI	36,820	0	36,820	37,080	(260)		(260)	Payaward 2025/26
5,890	3,952	1,938	0	1,938	Salaries - Pension	6,340	0	6,340	6,377	(37)		(37)	
0	0	0	0	0	Health & Safety at Work	0	0	0	90	(90)		(90)	
0	9,883	(9,883)	0	(9,883)	Business Rates	0	0	0	14,845	(14,845)		(14,845)	
0	0	0	0	0	Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	0	0	0	38	(38)		(38)	
70	0	70	0	70	Travelling	70	0	70	312	(242)		(242)	
1,740	904	836	0	836	Printing & Stationery	1,800	0	1,800	182	1,618		1,618	
0	0	0	0	0	Phone & Mobile	0	540	540	586	(46)		(46)	
10	2,232	(2,222)	0	(2,222)	IT	7,000	0	7,000	5,257	1,743		1,743	
0	0	0	0	0	IT Hardware	0	0	0	389	(389)		(389)	
0	4,230	(4,230)	0	(4,230)	Consultancy	0	0	0	0	0		0	
10	0	10	0	10	Uniform / Protective clothing	10	0	10	76	(66)		(66)	
10	20	(10)	0	(10)	Volunteer Expenses	10	0	10	251	(241)		(241)	
10	99	(89)	0	(89)	Subscriptions	10	0	10	180	(170)		(170)	
1,860	0	1,860	0	1,860	Events Expenditure	1,500	0	1,500	843	657		657	
320	0	320	0	320	Equipment, Tools & Materials	330	0	330	1,034	(704)		(704)	
0	541	(541)	0	(541)	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	340	(340)		(340)	
15,000	10,000	5,000	0	5,000	SC - Overheads recharge	15,530	0	15,530	5,000	10,530		10,530	
0	9,339	(9,339)	0	(9,339)	SLA - South West Heritage Trust	28,020	0	28,020	28,689	(669)		(669)	
650	(650)	1,300	1,300	0	Customised souvenirs	0	0	0	0	0		0	
5,000	4,750	250	0	250	Eats: Festival	4,700	0	4,700	2,390	2,310		2,310	
1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	Love Yeovil	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	
75,000	(12,490)	87,490	0	87,490	Yeovil Celebrate	0	0	0	0	0		0	
0	3,070	(3,070)	0	(3,070)	D Day	0	0	0	0	0		0	
0	591	(591)	0	(591)	V E Day	4,000	0	4,000	3,236	764		764	
10,000	9,792	208	0	208	Super Saturday	10,000	0	10,000	8,196	1,804		1,804	2 x Super Saturdays
1,260	2,249	(989)	0	(989)	Town Crier	1,260	0	1,260	1,342	(82)		(82)	Purchase of new costume
1,820	1,761	59	0	59	Yeovil Open Town Crier Competition	1,820	0	1,820	1,398	422		422	
2,000	(1,534)	3,534	3,534	0	Regalia	1,000	0	1,000	1,202	(202)		(202)	
1,600	1,570	30	0	30	Remembrance Sunday	1,500	0	1,500	1,961	(461)		(461)	Stewards and Road Closure and PA System
0	0	0	0	0	Holiday Playscheme Contribution	11,800	(11,800)	0	0	0		0	Moved to IPA
					Westlands:								
310,630	425,837	(115,207)	0	(115,207)	Salaries - Basic & NI	645,220	(73,350)	571,870	546,128	25,742		25,742	
52,360	72,088	(19,728)	0	(19,728)	Salaries - Pension	127,880	(14,520)	113,360	122,087	(8,727)		(8,727)	
0	3,105	(3,105)	0	(3,105)	Overtime	0	0	0	2,961	(2,961)		(2,961)	
50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000	Wages (Casual)	67,300	65,930	133,230	142,753	(9,523)		(9,523)	
220	711	(491)	0	(491)	Training	230	0	230	216	14		14	

58,010	32,455	25,555	6,000	19,555	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	60,040	0	60,040	41,894	18,146		18,146	
16,090	18,208	(2,118)	0	(2,118)	Repairs and Maintenance Plant	16,650	0	16,650	3,859	12,791	89,000	(76,209)	Including purchase of dressing unit. Transfer to Earmarked reserve for landscaping and health and safety of bank, A/C unit
0	0	0	0	0	Technical	0	0	0	29,432	(29,432)		(29,432)	
600	186	414	0	414	Health & Safety at work	620	0	620	4,423	(3,803)		(3,803)	
0	0	0	0	0	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	6,273	(6,273)		(6,273)	
66,340	74,830	(8,490)	0	(8,490)	Electricity	108,350	0	108,350	125,161	(16,811)		(16,811)	
0	0	0	0	0	Gas	29,470	(29,470)	0	0	0		0	
27,780	19,266	8,514	0	8,514	Business Rates	28,750	0	28,750	29,415	(665)		(665)	
5,830	0	5,830	0	5,830	Sewerage	6,030	0	6,030	0	6,030		6,030	
5,380	0	5,380	0	5,380	Water	5,570	0	5,570	0	5,570		5,570	
0	360	(360)	0	(360)	Gritting	0	0	0	4,091	(4,091)		(4,091)	
16,560	2,586	13,974	0	13,974	Cleaning & Domestic supplies	17,140	0	17,140	4,213	12,927		12,927	
0	0	0	0	0	Specialist Cleaning	0	0	0	1,944	(1,944)		(1,944)	
0	874	(874)	0	(874)	Skip Hire	0	0	0	239	(239)		(239)	
240	0	240	0	240	Maintenance Agreement Charges	250	0	250	1,249	(999)		(999)	
40,590	4,838	35,752	0	35,752	Security - Fire / Intruder / Key holding	42,010	0	42,010	8,250	33,760		33,760	
0	3,069	(3,069)	0	(3,069)	Security - Events	0	0	0	9,603	(9,603)		(9,603)	
150	0	150	0	150	Travelling Allowance	160	0	160	876	(716)		(716)	
0	4,079	(4,079)	0	(4,079)	Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	4,061	(4,061)		(4,061)	
30	39,907	(39,877)	0	(39,877)	Printing of Publications	30	0	30	46,330	(46,300)		(46,300)	
270	4,369	(4,099)	0	(4,099)	Photographic Work	280	0	280	1,840	(1,560)		(1,560)	
0	15,146	(15,146)	0	(15,146)	Postage	1,000	0	1,000	23,951	(22,951)		(22,951)	
0	0	0	0	0	Phone & Mobile	0	9,020	9,020	9,683	(663)		(663)	
280	15,434	(15,154)	0	(15,154)	IT	20,000	0	20,000	37,893	(17,893)		(17,893)	Replacement digital screens
0	3,539	(3,539)	11,000	(14,539)	IT Hardware	0	0	0	14,364	(14,364)		(14,364)	
0	672	(672)	0	(672)	Website	0	0	0	2,109	(2,109)		(2,109)	
2,980	5,639	(2,659)	0	(2,659)	Office Furniture	3,000	0	3,000	83	2,917		2,917	
3,710	0	3,710	0	3,710	Consultant & professional fees	3,840	0	3,840	1,588	2,253		2,253	
750	1,093	(343)	0	(343)	Hospitality	780	0	780	968	(188)		(188)	
0	231	(231)	0	(231)	Purchases for resale	0	0	0	0	0		0	
0	770	(770)	0	(770)	Uniform / Protective clothing	0	0	0	329	(329)		(329)	
0	190	(190)	0	(190)	Subscriptions	0	0	0	12,168	(12,168)		(12,168)	
110	1,842	(1,732)	0	(1,732)	Events Expenditure	110	0	110	3,340	(3,230)		(3,230)	
31,160	44,957	(13,797)	0	(13,797)	Adverts/Promotions	32,250	0	32,250	100,113	(67,863)		(67,863)	
8,110	16,162	(8,052)	0	(8,052)	Performance Rights Licence	8,400	0	8,400	28,352	(19,952)		(19,952)	
90	561	(471)	0	(471)	Licences	90	0	90	295	(205)		(205)	
7,570	39,291	(31,721)	0	(31,721)	Electronic Bank Charges	7,840	0	7,840	59,682	(51,842)		(51,842)	
0	497	(497)	0	(497)	Misc	0	0	0	6,718	(6,718)		(6,718)	
287,270	607,410	(320,140)	0	(320,140)	Performance Costs	297,230	0	297,230	1,068,847	(771,617)		(771,617)	
0	0	0	0	0	Country Music Festival	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	
60	24,000	(23,940)	0	(23,940)	Equipment, Tools & Materials	60	0	60	585	(525)		(525)	
14,280	8,640	5,640	0	5,640	Equipment hire	14,780	0	14,780	12,465	2,315		2,315	
0	0	0	0	0	Cleaning Equipment	0	0	0	1,835	(1,835)		(1,835)	
130	0	130	0	130	Floral Decorations	130	0	130	242	(112)		(112)	
3,940	19,517	(15,577)	0	(15,577)	Arts & Engagement	4,080	0	4,080	49,947	(45,867)		(45,867)	
0	679	(679)	0	(679)	Money Collection Service	0	0	0	1,186	(1,186)		(1,186)	
1,490	277	1,213	0	1,213	Payment to Contractors	1,540	0	1,540	5,703	(4,163)		(4,163)	
0	4,102	(4,102)	0	(4,102)	Waste collection	0	0	0	7,783	(7,783)		(7,783)	
					Westlands Front of House:								
253,220	192,983	60,237	0	60,237	Salaries - Basic & NI	0	73,350	73,350	90,983	(17,633)		(17,633)	Including casuals
49,750	9,266	40,484	0	40,484	Salaries - Pension	0	14,520	14,520	32,363	(17,843)		(17,843)	
0	604	(604)	0	(604)	Overtime	0	0	0	0	0		0	
216,010	0	216,010	0	216,010	Wages (Casual)	294,000	(65,930)	228,070	275,851	(47,781)		(47,781)	See salaries
0	108	(108)	0	(108)	Training	0	0	0	0	0		0	
0	0	0	0	0	Advertising for Staff	0	0	0	80	(80)		(80)	
390	5,308	(4,918)	0	(4,918)	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	400	0	400	586	(186)		(186)	
190	56	134	0	134	Health & Safety at work	200	0	200	41	159		159	
4,220	2,791	1,429	0	1,429	Repairs and Maintenance Equipment	4,370	0	4,370	11,752	(7,382)		(7,382)	
28,470	0	28,470	0	28,470	Gas	0	29,470	29,470	0	29,470		29,470	
0	78	(78)	0	(78)	Environmental Levy	0	0	0	0	0		0	
4,640	6,938	(2,298)	0	(2,298)	Cleaning	1,800	0	1,800	4,646	(2,846)		(2,846)	
290	566	(276)	0	(276)	Printing & Stationery	300	0	300	911	(611)		(611)	
30	0	30	0	30	Printing of Publications	30	0	30	0	30		30	

3,120	12,725	(9,605)	0	(9,605)	Icecream Provision	3,230	0	3,230	14,009	(10,779)		(10,779)	
200	354	(154)	0	(154)	Confectionery Purchase	210	0	210	669	(459)		(459)	
146,780	112,267	34,513	0	34,513	Restaurant Provisions café bar	151,920	0	151,920	185,129	(33,209)		(33,209)	
870	15,810	(14,940)	0	(14,940)	Provisions (FOH)	900	0	900	0	900		900	
95,210	94,054	1,156	0	1,156	Bar purchases	98,540	0	98,540	152,497	(53,957)		(53,957)	
220	8,278	(8,058)	0	(8,058)	Purchases for resale	230	0	230	665	(435)		(435)	
1,500	2,641	(1,141)	0	(1,141)	Rental Catering Machines	1,550	0	1,550	2,424	(874)		(874)	
7,010	5,257	1,753	15,000	(13,247)	Catering Equipment	7,000	0	7,000	17,885	(10,885)		(10,885)	Replacement freezer - refer to managed agreement
180	0	180	0	180	Hospitality	190	0	190	191	(1)		(1)	
140	58	82	0	82	Uniform / Protective clothing	150	0	150	108	42		42	
0	790	(790)	0	(790)	Subscriptions	0	0	0	3,777	(3,777)		(3,777)	
40	3,410	(3,370)	0	(3,370)	Events Expenditure	40	0	40	899	(859)		(859)	
	31	(31)	0	(31)	Bank Charges		0	0	4,764	(4,764)		(4,764)	
1,220	177	1,043	0	1,043	Equipment, Tools & Materials	1,260	0	1,260	2,834	(1,574)		(1,574)	
2,360	360	2,000	0	2,000	Equipment hire	2,440	0	2,440	3,073	(633)		(633)	
140	22	118	0	118	Cleaning and domestic equipment	150	0	150	1,991	(1,841)		(1,841)	
30	0	30	0	30	Floral decorations	30	0	30	0	30		30	
910	18	892	0	892	Misc Expenditure	940	0	940	8	932		932	
2,265,680	0	2,265,680	209,470	2,056,210	Octagon	2,265,680	0	2,265,680	151,402	2,114,278	58,068	2,056,210	Net amount to go into reserve to fund work at Octagon Theatre
1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	Octagon Summer School - SLA	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		0	Move from FPE
0	0	0	0	0	Arts & Engagement Outreach Programme	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0		0	
5,000	5,000	0	0	0	Yeovil Art Space (SLA)	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	Agreed PR&F 28/06/22
2,000	2,000	0	0	0	Yeovil Together	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0		0	SLA for 3 years 2024 - 2026
4,407,940	2,183,965	2,223,975	219,398	2,004,577	Total Expenditure	4,696,790	3,760	4,700,550	3,833,693	866,857	147,068	719,789	
					INCOME								
					Westlands:								
(44,710)	(40,000)	(4,710)	0	(4,710)	Joint Financing Conts	(46,280)	0	(46,280)	0	(46,280)		(46,280)	Leonardo Contribution
0	(20,000)	20,000	0	20,000	Contribution towards Panto	0	0	0	0	0		0	Somerset Council
0	(44,739)	44,739	0	44,739	Salary Recharge	(16,652)	0	(16,652)	(81,344)	64,692		64,692	
0	(1,105)	1,105	0	1,105	Recharge	0	0	0	0	0		0	Somerset Council - recharge of shutter work
(180)	(12,942)	12,762	0	12,762	Sales - Std	(190)	0	(190)	(12,249)	12,059		12,059	
(3,010)	(1,657)	(1,353)	0	(1,353)	Fees & Charges - Std	(3,120)	0	(3,120)	(4,202)	1,082		1,082	
(14,290)	(10,989)	(3,301)	0	(3,301)	Equipment Hire	(14,790)	0	(14,790)	(22,693)	7,903		7,903	
(670)	(8,052)	7,382	0	7,382	Advertising	(700)	0	(700)	(32,339)	31,639		31,639	
0	(2,883)	2,883	0	2,883	Memberships	0	0	0	(3,475)	3,475		3,475	
(2,120)	(49,835)	47,715	0	47,715	Commission	(2,190)	0	(2,190)	(67,527)	65,337		65,337	
0	(529)	529	0	529	Donations	0	0	0	(386)	386		386	
(2,840)	0	(2,840)	0	(2,840)	Rents	(2,940)	0	(2,940)	0	(2,940)		(2,940)	
(1,050)	0	(1,050)	0	(1,050)	Misc Income	(1,090)	0	(1,090)	(328)	(763)		(763)	
(519,480)	(601,144)	81,664	0	81,664	Admission Charges Theatre - Std	(537,660)	0	(537,660)	(1,790,735)	1,253,075		1,253,075	Record breaking sales of 105,259 tickets for the year; Panto - Beauty & the Beast sold 22,744 compared to 21,405 for Jack & The Beanstalk
(150)	(788)	638	0	638	Admission Charges Theatre - E	(160)	0	(160)	(5,260)	5,100		5,100	
(58,230)	(103,202)	44,972	103,202	(58,230)	Ticket Levy	(90,000)	0	(90,000)	(129,754)	39,754	129,754	(90,000)	To go into reserve to fund work at Octagon Theatre
0	(880)	880	0	880	Postage	0	0	0	(3,510)	3,510		3,510	
(67,110)	(63,670)	(3,440)	0	(3,440)	Venue Hire	(69,460)	0	(69,460)	(172,137)	102,677		102,677	
(55,470)	(54,476)	(994)	0	(994)	Room Hire - E	(57,410)	0	(57,410)	(38,004)	(19,406)		(19,406)	
(1,570)	(25,791)	24,221	0	24,221	Dance Class/Community Choir	(1,630)	0	(1,630)	(74,710)	73,080		73,080	
0	(500)	500	0	500	Dept for Education Apprenticeship contribution	1,000	0	1,000	(500)	1,500		1,500	
					Westlands Front of House:								
(784,030)	(367,635)	(416,395)	0	(416,395)	Sales of meals	(811,470)	0	(811,470)	(316,210)	(495,260)		(495,260)	
(182,190)	(219,306)	37,116	0	37,116	Bar Sales - Std	(188,570)	0	(188,570)	(554,121)	365,551		365,551	
0	0	0	0	0	Other Income	0	0	0	(9)	9		9	
(390)	0	(390)	0	(390)	Equipment Hire	(400)	0	(400)	0	(400)		(400)	
(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)	Octagon	(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)		(2,056,210)	
0	0	0	0	0	Development Project Donation	0	0	0	(650)	650	650	0	To go to Octagon Theatre Redevelopment Reserve
0	0	0	0	0	Project Contribution - Other Parish	0	0	0	(2,250)	2,250	2,250	0	To go to Octagon Theatre Redevelopment Reserve
					Community Heritage:								
0	0	0	0	0	Grants	0	0	0	(867)	867		867	
0	0	0	0	0	General Sales	0	0	0	(1,130)	1,130		1,130	

(1,860)	(1,341)	(519)	0	(519)	Fees & Charges - Std	(1,930)	0	(1,930)	(541)	(1,389)		(1,389)
(570)	(1,166)	596	0	596	Donations	(590)	0	(590)	(472)	(118)		(118)
(3,796,130)	(1,632,629)	(2,163,501)	103,202	(2,266,703)	Total Income	(3,902,442)	0	(3,902,442)	(3,315,403)	(587,039)	132,654	(719,693)
611,810	551,336	60,474	322,600	(262,126)	Net Expenditure	794,348	3,760	798,108	518,289	279,818	279,722	96

Reserves as at 31/03/26

Earmarked Reserve	Balance as at 31/03/23 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/24 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/25 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/26 (£)
Regalia	13,623	1,946	15,569	1,588	17,157	(10,000)	7,157
Custom Souvenirs	2,726	650	3,376	650	4,026	(4,026)	0
Christmas lights	0	26,079	26,079	(6,273)	19,806	(19,806)	0
Westlands Entertainment Venue	0	0	0	32,000	32,000	89,000	121,000
Octagon Theatre	0	0	0	209,470	209,470	58,068	267,538
Ticket Levy	0	0	0	103,202	103,202	129,754	232,956
Octagon Theatre Project*	0	0	0	0	0	297,876	297,876

2025/26							2026/27							Notes
Original Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Virement	Month 1 - 12 spent 31/03/2026	(Over) / Under Spend	Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve Contribution	Budget Title	Original Budget	Budget Virement	Revised budget	Month 1 - 2 spent 31/05/2026	Full Year estimated to 31/03/2027	Estimated (over) / under spend	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	
							EXPENDITURE							
							Director of Culture:							
69,610	0	69,610	70,740	(1,130)		(1,130)	Salaries - Basic & NI	72,200	0	72,200	11,763	70,578	1,622	
13,650	0	13,650	14,697	(1,047)		(1,047)	Salaries - Pension	12,690	0	12,690	1,934	11,604	1,086	
0	0	0	1,399	(1,399)		(1,399)	Other Costs	0	0	0	653	653	(653)	
12,770	0	12,770	2,555	10,215		10,215	Mayoral Allowance	13,150	0	13,150	1,096	13,150	0	
0	0	0	54	(54)		(54)	Other Mayor Costs	0	0	0	680	680	(680)	
200	0	200	24	176		176	Travel Costs - Ex Officios	200	0	200	0	200	0	
1,000	0	1,000	617	383		383	Mace Bearer Salary	700	0	700	209	700	0	
3,500	0	3,500	0	3,500		3,500	Band Costs	3,500	0	3,500		3,500	0	
							Christmas Lights:							
54,840	0	54,840	55,214	(374)		(374)	Hire, Installation & Safety Checks	54,840	0	54,840	27,783	54,840	0	
30	0	30	0	30		30	Christmas Lights Competition	30	0	30	0	30	0	
8,000	0	8,000	7,040	960		960	Christmas Lights Switch On Event	8,000	0	8,000	0	8,000	0	
							Community Heritage:							
36,820	0	36,820	37,080	(260)		(260)	Salaries - Basic & NI	38,180	0	38,180	6,179	37,072	1,108	
6,340	0	6,340	6,377	(37)		(37)	Salaries - Pension	5,890	0	5,890	853	5,119	771	
0	0	0	90	(90)		(90)	Health & Safety at Work	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	14,845	(14,845)		(14,845)	Business Rates	15,290	0	15,290	17,072	17,072	(1,782)	
0	0	0	38	(38)		(38)	Cleaning & Domestic Supplies	40	0	40	0	40	0	
70	0	70	312	(242)		(242)	Travelling	70	0	70	52	70	0	
1,800	0	1,800	182	1,618		1,618	Printing & Stationery	1,850	0	1,850	27	1,850	0	
0	540	540	586	(586)		(586)	Phone & Mobile	770	0	770	68	770	0	
7,000	0	7,000	5,257	1,743		1,743	IT	6,370	0	6,370	531	6,370	0	
0	0	0	389	(389)		(389)	IT Hardware	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Consultancy	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	
10	0	10	76	(66)		(66)	Uniform / Protective clothing	10	0	10	12	12	(2)	
10	0	10	251	(241)		(241)	Volunteer Expenses	500	0	500	0	500	0	
10	0	10	180	(170)		(170)	Subscriptions	100	0	100	0	100	0	
1,500	0	1,500	843	657		657	Events Expenditure	1,550	0	1,550	0	1,550	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Licences	0	0	0	380	380	(380)	
330	0	330	1,034	(704)		(704)	Equipment, Tools & Materials	340	0	340	15	340	0	
0	0	0	340	(340)		(340)	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	40	40	(40)	
15,530	0	15,530	5,000	10,530		10,530	SC - Overheads recharge	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	
28,020	0	28,020	28,689	(669)		(669)	SLA - South West Heritage Trust	28,860	0	28,860	19,332	28,860	0	
4,700	0	4,700	2,390	2,310		2,310	Eats:Festival	4,700	0	4,700	3,050	4,700	0	
1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000		1,000	Love Yeovil	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Yeovil Celebrate	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	D Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4,000	0	4,000	3,236	764		764	V E Day	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	
10,000	0	10,000	8,196	1,804		1,804	Super Saturday	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	
1,260	0	1,260	1,342	(82)		(82)	Town Crier	1,260	0	1,260	1,065	1,260	0	
1,820	0	1,820	1,398	422		422	Yeovil Open Town Crier Competition	1,820	0	1,820	0	1,820	0	
1,000	0	1,000	1,202	(202)		(202)	Regalia	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
1,500	0	1,500	1,961	(461)		(461)	Remembrance Sunday	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	0	
							Westlands:							
645,220	(73,350)	571,870	546,128	99,092		99,092	Salaries - Basic & NI	563,690	0	563,690	91,384	548,303	15,387	
127,880	(14,520)	113,360	122,087	5,793		5,793	Salaries - Pension	113,950	0	113,950	16,163	96,980	16,970	
0	0	0	2,961	(2,961)		(2,961)	Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0	
67,300	65,930	133,230	142,753	(75,453)		(75,453)	Wages (Casual)	147,140	0	147,140	21,688	147,140	0	
230	0	230	216	14		14	Training	240	0	240	0	240	0	
60,040	0	60,040	41,894	18,146		18,146	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	60,040	0	60,040	5,620	60,040	0	
16,650	0	16,650	3,859	12,791	89,000	(76,209)	Repairs and Maintenance Plant	9,700	0	9,700	1,485	9,700	0	
0	0	0	29,432	(29,432)		(29,432)	Technical	50,000	0	50,000	311	50,000	0	
620	0	620	4,423	(3,803)		(3,803)	Health & Safety at work	640	0	640	355	640	0	
0	0	0	6,273	(6,273)		(6,273)	Repairs & Maintenance Equipment	0	0	0	1,423	1,423	(1,423)	
108,350	0	108,350	125,161	(16,811)		(16,811)	Electricity	125,000	0	125,000	9,373	125,000	0	

29,470	(29,470)	0	0	29,470	29,470	Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0
28,750	0	28,750	29,415	(665)	(665)	Business Rates	29,610	0	29,610	33,827	33,827	(4,217)
6,030	0	6,030	0	6,030	6,030	Sewerage	6,210	0	6,210	0	6,210	0
5,570	0	5,570	0	5,570	5,570	Water	5,740	0	5,740	0	5,740	0
0	0	0	4,091	(4,091)	(4,091)	Gritting	400	0	400	0	400	0
17,140	0	17,140	4,213	12,927	12,927	Cleaning & Domestic supplies	7,000	0	7,000	700	7,000	0
0	0	0	1,944	(1,944)	(1,944)	Specialist Cleaning	0	0	0	194	194	(194)
0	0	0	239	(239)	(239)	Skip Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0
250	0	250	1,249	(999)	(999)	Maintenance Agreement Charges	0	0	0	205	205	(205)
42,010	0	42,010	8,250	33,760	33,760	Security - Fire / Intruder / Key holding	7,500	0	7,500	452	7,500	0
0	0	0	9,603	(9,603)	(9,603)	Security - Events	9,000	0	9,000	2,668	9,000	0
160	0	160	876	(716)	(716)	Travelling Allowance	800	0	800	75	800	0
0	0	0	4,061	(4,061)	(4,061)	Printing & Stationery	6,500	0	6,500	340	6,500	0
30	0	30	46,330	(46,300)	(46,300)	Printing of Publications	60,000	0	60,000	988	60,000	0
280	0	280	1,840	(1,560)	(1,560)	Photographic Work	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000	0	1,000	23,951	(22,951)	(22,951)	Postage	19,000	0	19,000	416	19,000	0
0	9,020	9,020	9,683	(9,683)	(9,683)	Phone & Mobile	12,800	0	12,800	1,083	12,800	0
20,000	0	20,000	37,893	(17,893)	(17,893)	IT	24,620	0	24,620	4,041	24,620	0
0	0	0	14,364	(14,364)	(14,364)	IT Hardware	8,000	0	8,000	2,377	8,000	0
0	0	0	2,109	(2,109)	(2,109)	Website	1,600	0	1,600	0	1,600	0
3,000	0	3,000	83	2,917	2,917	Office Furniture	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0
3,840	0	3,840	1,588	2,253	2,253	Consultant & professional fees	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0
780	0	780	968	(188)	(188)	Hospitality	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	329	(329)	(329)	Uniform / Protective clothing	500	0	500	0	500	0
0	0	0	12,168	(12,168)	(12,168)	Subscriptions	12,000	0	12,000	501	12,000	0
110	0	110	3,340	(3,230)	(3,230)	Events Expenditure	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
32,250	0	32,250	100,113	(67,863)	(67,863)	Adverts/Promotions	58,000	0	58,000	3,215	58,000	0
8,400	0	8,400	28,352	(19,952)	(19,952)	Performance Rights Licence	24,000	0	24,000	0	24,000	0
90	0	90	295	(205)	(205)	Licences	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,840	0	7,840	59,682	(51,842)	(51,842)	Electronic Bank Charges	26,000	0	26,000	2,830	26,000	0
0	0	0	6,718	(6,718)	(6,718)	Misc	200	0	200	46	200	0
297,230	0	297,230	1,068,847	(771,617)	(771,617)	Performance Costs	820,000	0	820,000	74,380	820,000	0
5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	Country Music Festival	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
60	0	60	585	(525)	(525)	Equipment, Tools & Materials	0	0	0	550	550	(550)
14,780	0	14,780	12,465	2,315	2,315	Equipment hire	12,000	0	12,000	2,880	12,000	0
0	0	0	1,835	(1,835)	(1,835)	Cleaning Equipment	0	0	0	861	861	(861)
130	0	130	242	(112)	(112)	Floral Decorations	0	0	0	0	0	0
4,080	0	4,080	49,947	(45,867)	(45,867)	Arts & Engagement	20,000	0	20,000	12,310	20,000	0
0	0	0	1,186	(1,186)	(1,186)	Money Collection Service	1,500	0	1,500	85	1,500	0
1,540	0	1,540	5,703	(4,163)	(4,163)	Payment to Contractors	3,000	0	3,000	1,723	3,000	0
0	0	0	7,783	(7,783)	(7,783)	Waste collection	7,500	0	7,500	777	7,500	0
Westlands Front of House:												
0	73,350	73,350	90,983	(90,983)	(90,983)	Salaries - Basic & NI	90,900	0	90,900	20,200	121,202	(30,302)
0	14,520	14,520	32,363	(32,363)	(32,363)	Salaries - Pension	31,740	0	31,740	5,905	35,430	(3,690)
0	0	0	0	0	0	Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0
294,000	(65,930)	228,070	275,851	18,149	18,149	Wages (Casual)	251,880	0	251,880	45,005	251,880	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	Training	100	0	100	320	320	(220)
0	0	0	80	(80)	(80)	Advertising for Staff	100	0	100	0	100	0
400	0	400	586	(186)	(186)	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	0	200	41	159	159	Health & Safety at work	200	0	200	0	200	0
4,370	0	4,370	11,752	(7,382)	(7,382)	Repairs and Maintenance Equipment	8,000	0	8,000	951	8,000	0
0	29,470	29,470	0	0	0	Gas	29,470	0	29,470	0	29,470	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	Environmental Levy	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,800	0	1,800	4,646	(2,846)	(2,846)	Cleaning	8,000	0	8,000	134	8,000	0
300	0	300	911	(611)	(611)	Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	85	85	(85)
30	0	30	0	30	30	Printing of Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0
3,230	0	3,230	14,009	(10,779)	(10,779)	Iccream Provision	15,000	0	15,000	1,184	15,000	0
210	0	210	669	(459)	(459)	Confectionery Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0
151,920	0	151,920	185,129	(33,209)	(33,209)	Restaurant Provisions café bar	180,000	0	180,000	25,937	180,000	0
900	0	900	0	900	900	Provisions (FOH)	930	0	930	0	930	0
98,540	0	98,540	152,497	(53,957)	(53,957)	Bar purchases	150,000	0	150,000	20,489	150,000	0
230	0	230	665	(435)	(435)	Purchases for resale	240	0	240	0	240	0
1,550	0	1,550	2,424	(874)	(874)	Rental Catering Machines	1,600	0	1,600	393	1,600	0
7,000	0	7,000	17,885	(10,885)	(10,885)	Catering Equipment	7,000	0	7,000	329	7,000	0
190	0	190	191	(1)	(1)	Hospitality	200	0	200	45	200	0
150	0	150	108	42	42	Uniform / Protective clothing	150	0	150	0	150	0
0	0	0	3,777	(3,777)	(3,777)	Subscriptions	1,500	0	1,500	432	1,500	0

40	0	40	899	(859)		(859)	Events Expenditure	5,000	0	5,000	11,335	11,335	(6,335)	
	0	0	4,764	(4,764)		(4,764)	Bank Charges	600	0	600	530	600	0	
1,260	0	1,260	2,834	(1,574)		(1,574)	Equipment, Tools & Materials	1,300	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	
2,440	0	2,440	3,073	(633)		(633)	Equipment hire	2,510	0	2,510	13	2,510	0	
150	0	150	1,991	(1,841)		(1,841)	Cleaning and domestic equipment	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	
30	0	30	0	30		30	Floral decorations	0	0	0	0	0	0	
940	0	940	8	932		932	Misc Expenditure	970	0	970	500	970	0	
2,265,680	0	2,265,680	151,402	2,114,278	58,068	2,056,210	Octagon	209,470	0	209,470	0	209,470	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Contribution to Octagon Theatre Project (Transfer from Planning)	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0		0	Octagon Summer School - SLA	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
0	5,000	5,000	5,000	(5,000)		(5,000)	Arts & Engagement Outreach Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5,000	0	5,000	5,000	0		0	Yeovil Art Space (SLA)	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	
2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0		0	Yeovil Together	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	
4,685,990	14,560	4,700,550	3,833,693	852,297	147,068	705,229	Total Expenditure	3,583,150	0	3,583,150	521,906	3,597,826	(14,676)	
							INCOME							
							Westlands:							
(46,280)	0	(46,280)	0	(46,280)		(46,280)	Joint Financing Conts	(46,960)	0	(46,960)	0	(46,960)	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Contribution towards Panto	(20,000)	0	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	0	
(16,652)	0	(16,652)	(81,344)	64,692		64,692	Salary Recharge	(27,090)	0	(27,090)	(2,878)	(27,090)	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Recharge	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(190)	0	(190)	(12,249)	12,059		12,059	Sales - Std	(13,000)	0	(13,000)	(66)	(13,000)	0	
(3,120)	0	(3,120)	(4,202)	1,082		1,082	Fees & Charges - Std	(3,210)	0	(3,210)	(187)	(3,210)	0	
(14,790)	0	(14,790)	(22,693)	7,903		7,903	Equipment Hire	(20,000)	0	(20,000)	(868)	(20,000)	0	
(700)	0	(700)	(32,339)	31,639		31,639	Advertising	(30,000)	0	(30,000)	(14,687)	(30,000)	0	
0	0	0	(3,475)	3,475		3,475	Memberships	(3,000)	0	(3,000)	(396)	(3,000)	0	
(2,190)	0	(2,190)	(67,527)	65,337		65,337	Commission	(60,000)	0	(60,000)	(6,900)	(60,000)	0	
0	0	0	(386)	386		386	Donations	0	0	0	(35)	(35)	35	
(2,940)	0	(2,940)	0	(2,940)		(2,940)	Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(1,090)	0	(1,090)	(328)	(763)		(763)	Misc Income	0	0	0	(150)	(150)	150	
(537,660)	0	(537,660)	(1,790,735)	1,253,075		1,253,075	Admission Charges Theatre - Std	(1,500,000)	0	(1,500,000)	(403,686)	(1,500,000)	0	
(160)	0	(160)	(5,260)	5,100		5,100	Admission Charges Theatre - E	(6,000)	0	(6,000)	0	(6,000)	0	
(90,000)	0	(90,000)	(129,754)	39,754	129,754	(90,000)	Ticket Levy	(140,000)	0	(140,000)	(12,122)	(140,000)	0	
0	0	0	(3,510)	3,510		3,510	Postage	(2,000)	0	(2,000)	(283)	(2,000)	0	
(69,460)	0	(69,460)	(172,137)	102,677		102,677	Venue Hire	(100,000)	0	(100,000)	(14,506)	(100,000)	0	
(57,410)	0	(57,410)	(38,004)	(19,406)		(19,406)	Room Hire - E	(59,130)	0	(59,130)	(515)	(59,130)	0	
(1,630)	0	(1,630)	(74,710)	73,080		73,080	Dance Class/Community Choir	(70,000)	0	(70,000)	(17,392)	(70,000)	0	
1,000	0	1,000	(500)	1,500		1,500	Dept for Education Apprenticeship contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							Westlands Front of House:							
(811,470)	0	(811,470)	(316,210)	(495,260)		(495,260)	Sales of meals	(350,000)	0	(350,000)	(35,876)	(350,000)	0	
(188,570)	0	(188,570)	(554,121)	365,551		365,551	Bar Sales - Std	(350,000)	0	(350,000)	(87,230)	(350,000)	0	
0	0	0	(9)	9		9	Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(400)	0	(400)	0	(400)		(400)	Equipment Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)	0	(2,056,210)		(2,056,210)	Octagon	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	(650)	650	650	0	Development Project Donation	0	0	0	(5)	(5)	5	To go to Octagon Theatre Redevelopment Reserve
0	0	0	(2,250)	2,250	2,250	0	Project Contribution - Other Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0	To go to Octagon Theatre Redevelopment Reserve
							Community Heritage:							
0	0	0	(867)	867		867	Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	(1,130)	1,130		1,130	General Sales	0	0	0	(45)	(45)	45	
(1,930)	0	(1,930)	(541)	(1,389)		(1,389)	Fees & Charges - Std	(1,990)	0	(1,990)	(57)	(1,990)	0	
(590)	0	(590)	(472)	(118)		(118)	Donations	(610)	0	(610)	(161)	(610)	0	
(3,902,442)	0	(3,902,442)	(3,315,403)	(587,039)	132,654	(719,693)	Total Income	(2,802,990)	0	(2,802,990)	(618,045)	(2,803,225)	235	
783,548	14,560	798,108	518,289	265,258	279,722	(14,464)	Net Expenditure	780,160	0	780,160	(96,139)	794,601	(14,441)	

11/234 BLUE PLAQUE TRAIL

Introduction

To help celebrate the Millennium, Yeovil Town Council affixed 25 historic 'blue' plaques to several buildings across the Town Centre.

In 2012, a plaque was erected in the ticket office of Pen Mill station to mark the occasion of the Queen's visit to Yeovil.

Yeovil Town Council are now responsible for 26 plaques in total.

Current

A historic plaque trail leaflet was produced to advertise and highlight the new plaques. Copies of this leaflet have become limited over time as the location of the original document is unknown. Due to the timeline of printing, this leaflet does not include the 2012 plaque at Pen Mill station.

20 Yeovil Trinity Foyer, Peter Street
Built as Holy Trinity Church in 1846 to a design by Benjamin Ferrey (1810-1880), it was converted to Yeovil Trinity Foyer and opened in 1977.

21 Peter Street
Former site of 7 Peter Street. Thomas Hardy (1840-1928) lodged here in 1876, as he was preparing to write 'The Return of the Native'.

22 Pall Tavern, Silver Street
Occupies site of an ancient horse pond and original Woborn's Almshouse. Rebuilt 1836, the name derives from a pall owned by the Almshouse.

23 Nautilus Works, Reckleford
Built by J B Petter & Co (later to incorporate Westland Aircraft) and expanded to manufacture oil engines in 1912. Streets in the town centre were lit by electricity for the first time in 1913 using the Works' generators.

24 Western Gazette Offices, Sherborne Rd
Built 1906 to design of Oakley and Lawrence – Bristol architects on the site of Pen Stile Toll House. Head of Mercury keystone sculpted by Gilbert Seale of London.

25 Newton Road Toll House
Built circa 1850 and used as a toll house by the Yeovil and Ilchester Turnpike Trust, following the demolition of the nearby Pen Stile Toll House.

**YEovil TOWN COUNCIL
MILLENNIUM 2000 PLAQUE**

THE COAT OF ARMS

THIS 14TH CENTURY CHANTRY CHAPEL WAS CONVERTED INTO A GERBARD SCHOOL IN 1627 AND RELOCATED TO THIS SITE FROM THE CHURCHYARD, IN 1864.

**YEovil TOWN COUNCIL
HISTORIC PLAQUE TRAIL**

A PASSAGE OF TIME

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1 **Town House, 19 Union Street**
A police station between 1849-1938 – also offices of Town Surveyor. Converted into offices for use by Yeovil Town Council and opened in 1988.




2 **Yeovil Day Centre, South Street**
Built 1889 as the 'Victoria Temperance Hall', it became an 'Arts and Science School' early in the 20th century.

3 **2 Hendford**
Site of 'The Angel' a 16th century coaching inn. Whitmarsh and White opened a bank here in 1808, succeeded by Stuckeys in 1835, and Westminster Bank in 1919.


4 **1 Princes Street**
Early 19th century premises of bookseller and printer William Porter – actuary of Yeovil's first savings bank.

5 **Wyndham House**
Built in the 18th century as the Wyndham family's town house, it later became the residence of John Glyde, and then the home of John Gliddon, local businessman.

6 **Old Sarum House, Princes Street**
Built circa 1730 by Samuel Dampier, a wealthy clothier, it later became the home of Yeovil's first Mayor, John Ryall Mayo (1793-1870).




7 **Manslon House, 54-58 Princes Street**
Built by John Hutchings – a local banker in the 18th century. A gentlemen's boarding academy in 1830, it became the home of Sidney Watts (1833-1918) a former Mayor of Yeovil.




8 **23 Princes Street**
Former offices of 'The Western Flying Post and Yeovil Times' (1851-1857), and Yeovil Post Office (1876-1902).

9 **The Chantry, Church Path**
14th century chantry chapel converted into a grammar school in 1573. Originally in Churchyard but relocated in 1854.




10 **Church House, Church Street**
Built as a dwelling house for the Batten family of solicitors circa 1750.

11 **Mermaid Hotel, High Street**
Built circa 16th century, Yeovil's oldest licensed premises and former coaching inn, known as 'The Miremaid' in 1629.




12 **High Street/Hendford Corner**
18th century site of Yeovil's first post office and the 'Fleur-de-Lis' public house.



13 **Three Choughs Hotel**
17th century coaching inn, the name is derived from the attributed arms of Thomas à Becket (1118-1170).

14 **Manor Hotel, Hendford**
Built in 1776 as Hendford House by John Daniell – glover and merchant banker. Became a hotel in 1927.




15 **Hendford Manor, Hendford**
Built circa 1750 for James Hooper – then Lord of Hendford Manor.



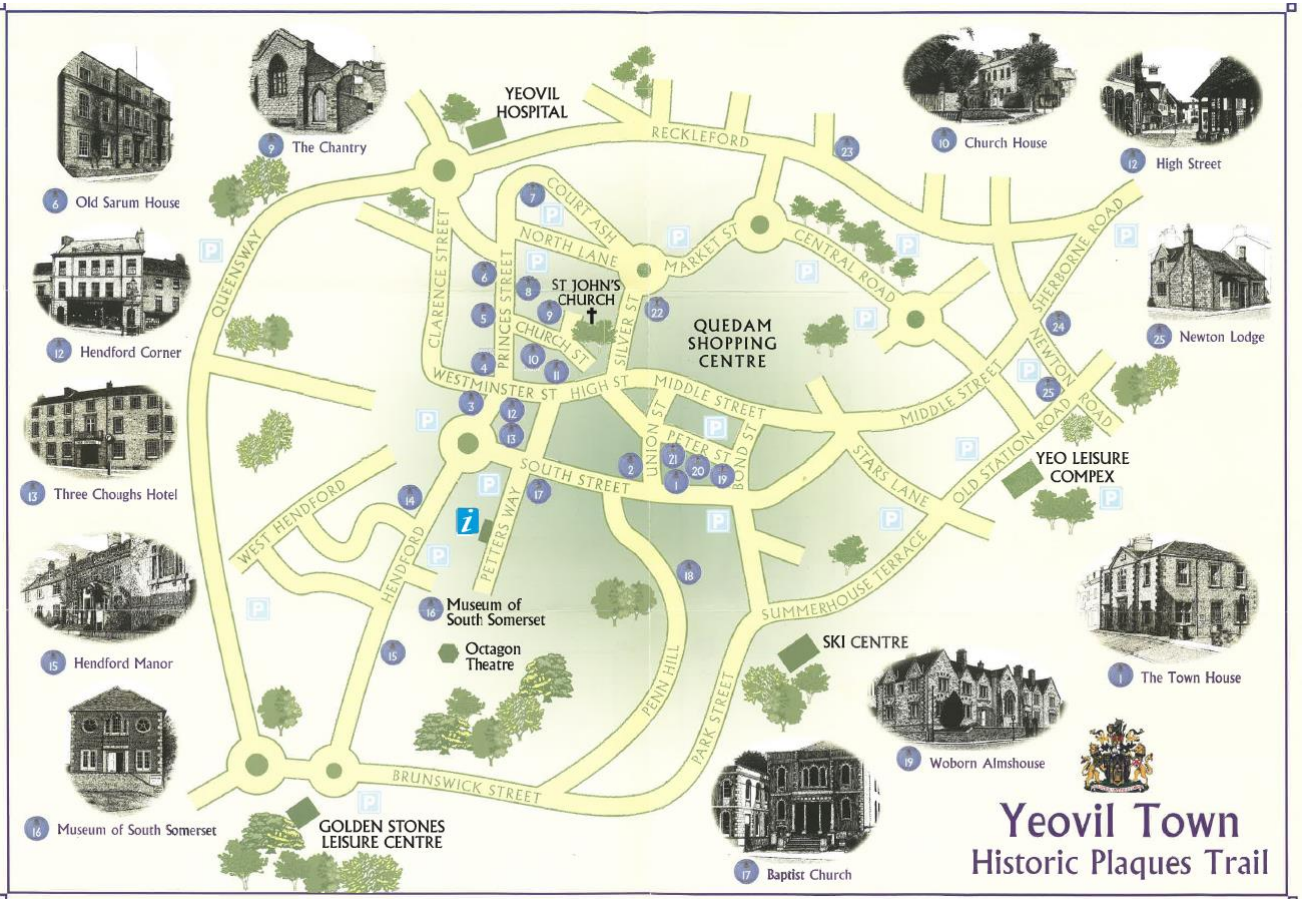
16 **Museum of South Somerset, Hendford**
Former 18th century coach house of Hendford Manor House

17 **Baptist Church, South Street**
Built on the site of a barn – used as a meeting house since 1717.



18 **Penn Villa, Penn Hill**
Built circa 1840 and former residence and dental surgery of William Hunt (1811-1905) and his son William Alfred Hunt (1845-1929) pioneers in the use of dental anaesthetics.

19 **Woborn Almshouse, Bond Street**
Founded 1477 in Silver Street by John Woborn, Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, London. Relocated here in 1862.



Yeovil Town
Historic Plaques Trail

Future

Amanda and I attended the SLCC Southwest Regional Training Seminar on the 3rd of June 2026 and met with a supplier who specialises in creating self-guided trails apps for councils, churches and other organisations responsible for managing, promoting and celebrating cultural and natural heritage.

The company have offered:

“As a delegate of that event I'm pleased to share two exclusive offers:

- Set up and publish a self-guided trail on our Places and Trails app - see the link below my signature - for £500 (normally £750)
- 10% off the development of your own branded self-guided trails app

The offer is valid for orders made before 31st July 2026. Please contact me for further details.

We specialise in creating engaging, interactive and accessible self-guided tours on your phone. Showcase notable (and less notable) buildings, parks, people, businesses on our trusted app platform.”

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED**:

- (1) to note the report; and
- (2) to consider whether the council wish to take up the offer to enhance the blue plaque trail.

(Lucy Ryder, Deputy Town Clerk – lucy.ryder@yeovil.gov.uk)

11/235 SUPER SATURDAY- JULY 4TH UPDATE

Overview:

An Armed Forces-themed Super Saturday event has been planned for 4th July (10 am – 4 pm), and work has begun on a programme to reflect this theme.

The key areas being used throughout the town centre include St John's Churchyard, Ivel Square (Quedam) and the amphitheatre.

James Tovey (Centre Manager for the Quedam) is currently exploring options for activities/entertainment through the Quedam, additionally to what we have planned.

St John's Churchyard:

There are currently 11 community stalls confirmed for the space, that will be providing a mix of entertainment, activities and information. These include:

- Yeovil Railway Centre
- School in a Bag
- Yeovil Sea Cadets
- Capstone Foster Care
- Yeovil Hospital Charity
- Yeovil Country Park
- Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Yeovil Freemasons
- Westlands Art Outreach (activity TBC)
- YTC Community Wardens (activity TBC)
- Royal British Legion

We are also working with local café 'The Acorn' to provide refreshments and we will provide blankets to create a picnic area for the public.

We are working with 'RKS Unity' to deliver rubber archery on-site. They have confirmed their attendance. The final element we hope to deliver is some kind of assault course. We have reached out to various gyms and inflatable companies for quotes, and have had one inflatable course confirmed, however we are waiting to hear back to see if they can provide a generator.

Ivel Square:

The plan for this space is to hire a climbing wall and place a couple military vehicles for viewing in the space. We have been working with the Military Vehicle Trust to deliver this and they have confirmed their attendance and providing 6-8 vehicles.

Amphitheatre:

We are currently building a programme of entertainment for this space and plan to place a stall here for our Heritage Coordinator, Joseph Lewis, as well as a few more of the military vehicles. The most significant event here will be the signing of the Arms Forces Covenant at midday (formal invites to follow shortly), but around this we will have 'The Decadettes' (vintage all-female) singing group perform 2 x 30-minute sets. Awaiting confirmation from the Army Cadets to perform 3 x drills.



The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Tamara McKay, Events Officer – tamara.mckay@yeovil.gov.uk)

The Arts Engagement & Outreach Manager will give a presentation.

The Octagon Theatre's Arts Engagement & Outreach service delivers programmes and activities that benefit health and wellbeing, enrich learning and education both in and outside school that inspires and celebrates young talent. The service creates work that supports local artists and tells local stories, and seeks to improve inclusion and remove barriers, whatever they may be, so that everyone is able to enjoy and benefit from the creative arts.

The Arts Engagement & Outreach service sits alongside the programme of shows and events hosted at the Octagon & Westlands, and is integral to the operations of the venues, supporting audience development, participation and talent development in and outside the venues. The service hosts a full programme of exciting opportunities for our communities to unleash their creativity, unlock new interests and skills, and be entertained across the region. From parks to community centres, from high streets to village halls, from Yeovil to Langport, and from Wincanton to Chard, we've got something going on across Somerset. Activities range from creative educational programmes in 40+ Somerset schools to health and wellbeing activities addressing health conditions including Parkinson's, dementia, cancer, mental health, and postnatal depression.

Since 2023, the Octagon's Arts Engagement & Outreach service has been principally funded by Arts Council England (ACE), with the Octagon becoming one of their National Portfolio Organisations (NPO), and Somerset Council. Funding from town and parish councils, trusts and foundations, supports project delivery and enables us to expand provision within the area. The Arts Engagement & Outreach service employs 6 full and part time members of staff and supported an additional 196 freelance practitioners and creatives on a project basis over the year. Both Adam Burgan, Director of Culture, and Katherine Beverley, Arts Engagement & Outreach Manager, are both employed by Yeovil Town Council, with Adam seconded back to Somerset Council 1 day p/week, and Katherine seconded back to Somerset Council 5 days p/week. Investment in the Octagon's Arts Engagement & Outreach programme attracts external support from national bodies, trusts, sponsorship and donations, in 2025/26 this totalled £344,799. This is in addition to the £140k collectively received from local authority bodies, of which Yeovil Town Council's contribution is included, with funding received strengthening the local economy.

Since 2023 within Yeovil we engaged a total 6,275 pupils, working in partnership with 3 secondary schools, 10 primary schools, 2 special schools and 2 colleges. Schools include Preston Academy, Westfield Academy, and Buckler's Mead School; St Gildas, Huish, Reckleford, Oaklands, St Michael's, Milford Infants, Birchfield, Preston, Kingfisher, and Holy Trinity Primary Schools; Fairmead and Fiveways Special Schools; and Yeovil College, and Lufton College. Pupils and teachers at these schools have experienced free in-school workshops and live performances by national touring companies, with teacher training, and opportunities to perform on our regional stage. Since April 2023 we have recorded participation attendance of over 29,800 participants within your area. In your area we have hosted a range of activities from Movement Through Cancer to our regular weekly participation classes, and both our Summer and Winter PlayDays. We also offer £3 tickets to shows and events at our venues for low-income individuals and households, of which we currently have 299 residents in Yeovil utilising the scheme.

Funding received from Yeovil Town Council supported the delivery of our free Creative PlayDays in Yeovil during the school summer holidays and February half-term.

The PlayDay events took place at Mudford Rec on 6 August 2025, and Westlands Entertainment Venue on 16 February 2026, and provided free creative activities and a chance to play for children, young people and their families during the school holidays. At the PlayDays we programmed a host of free activities with workshops including music-making, circus skills and arts & crafts. Participants got to create music and play a variety of different instruments from drums to the ukulele; have a go at spinning plates, juggling and stilt walking; carve wooden pencils, weave willow wands, and decorate postcards from the local area. To the events we booked face painting, where all attendees had the opportunity to have their faces painted for free, which proved very popular. Plus, we programmed live outdoor theatre performances and street entertainers who entertained large audiences and got people dancing. We also invited other organisations to attend our events, and received support from South West Heritage Trust, Freedom Leisure, Young Somerset, Yeovil Country Park, Somerset Libraries, Somerset Rivers and Abri.

Attendance figures:

Yeovil Summer PlayDay saw an estimated 2,050 children, young people, parents and guardians attend throughout the day, this event being the biggest in our series of PlayDay events that take place in Chard, Langport and Wincanton. The event was supported by 17 practitioners and artists, 5 volunteers, and 9 local community organisations (incl. police and fire services).

Yeovil Winter PlayDay saw 1,033 children, young people, parents and guardians attend throughout the day, a 54% increase on those who attended the previous year. The event was supported by 13 practitioners and artists, 2 volunteers, and 4 local community organisations.

This would not have been possible without the support and grant awarded by Yeovil Town Council. The grant received supported the costs of the creative workshops, face painting performance companies and street performers, and enabled us to keep the cost of activity free for families during the long summer holidays and often cold, wet and quiet February half-term.

Our aim for the PlayDays is to improve and enrich the lives of our community by offering access for all to high quality opportunities, activities and events where they live. The PlayDays enabled residents from deprived and rural areas access to arts and cultural opportunities where they lived, with opportunities to try new things, get creative, play together and keep active during the holidays. These events were successful in bringing people together, changing perceptions on place, and positively impacting mental health and wellbeing.

Parents and guardians in conversation with us highlighted the importance of these events being free, where cost of family outings and activities were putting strain on budgets. When we spoke to children & young people, they told us how 'today has allowed us to be creative & active', as they also told us they got to spend time with family and friends.

To understand where people had travelled from, we created a fun activity where participants were asked to add a thumb print of themselves to our map of Somerset. To each event most attendees were from the corresponding location. Overall, there was a lot of positive feedback stressing the importance of the locality and that local families could walk to the events with comments such as 'Thank you for coming HERE!'.



The importance of keeping the events free, accessible and open to all was evident. We received several comments on our comment boards highlighting the importance of having access to activities for free 'Great day, so well organised, something for everyone – so good it's free!'. Feedback received from parents and families attending each event was similar, 'Thank you something wonderful to light up Feb ½ Term'. Many families also took the opportunity to meet up with extended families, friends and school friends with the importance of this being appreciated by the young participants, 'I loved it today because I spent time with my family'.

It was lovely to see familiar families attending our events, with people making a point of marking dates in their diaries for the next one. Entertaining young people during the holidays can be hard and expensive and so many families expressed their gratitude for the events. Parents and carers were happy, and the children were able to get creative and try new things that they hadn't done before. We also promoted other activities we offer and signposted families who need a little extra support to the SHiNE Bursary Fund.

Although feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, 'I had the best time in my life today!', 'It made me feel excited and exhausted' and 'Had a wonderful time, been kept so busy and loved it all', several comments were made that the event in Yeovil was too busy for the space available, and there were no quiet areas, perhaps a testament of the popularity of the event: 'Way too busy not enough space', 'The activities would be good if more space'. Therefore, we have already looked to address this for our Winter event in 2027 and will use the whole venue, including the ballroom and have dedicated quiet spaces.

As we reflect on both our Summer and Winter PlayDay events, it is becoming evident through the numbers attending and feedback received that they are becoming a staple in the diaries for local families. The importance of keeping the events free is significant, and the ability through funding received to keep them this way is crucial and we are most grateful for that. Planning is underway for next year to make it even more successful by listening and learning from the feedback received.

Future Dates:

- Summer PlayDay: Wednesday 6 August 2026, 11am-3pm, Mudford Rec, YEOVIL, BA21 4AW
- Winter PlayDay: Monday 15 February 2027, 10am–2pm, Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil

In 2025-26, through the Octagon's Arts Engagement & Outreach service budget we are making an investment of £312,313 in your area (inclusive of staffing and marketing

costs) and reaching out to Yeovil Town Council to understand whether the council would be in a position to make a contribution of £6,000. We have also approached and received support from neighbouring councils. Any support received will be invested back into the community and go to support and enable your residents to access arts and culture on their doorsteps.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to

- (1) to note the report; and
- (2) to consider a contribution of £6,000 towards costs as identified in the report.

Katherine Beverley, Arts Engagement & Outreach Manager

11/237 SOUTH SOMERSET HERITAGE COLLECTION - LUFTON UPDATE

Introduction

Following a recent Health & Safety review of the property where Yeovil Town Council's South Somerset Heritage Collection is housed, it has been decided that the building will be closed to general public access. As a result, access to the collection will be limited to staff and volunteers only.

Report

A working party has been established and met to agree ToR. The working party also agreed to extend the partnership with South West Heritage Trust (SWHT) at a cost of £5,000 to:

Provide Yeovil Town Council with support in the engagement and oversight of a consultant

who will undertake the Phase One options appraisal. SWHT would undertake the following:

- Drafting the consultant brief in consultation with Yeovil Town Council
- Supporting the appointment process.
- Oversight of the consultant in collaboration with Yeovil Town Council, ensuring that
- they carry out their duties according to the brief.
- Providing feedback on the final options appraisal report and business case.
- Providing project information in relation to the collections and store requirements.
- Supporting conversations with potential funders.
- Providing advice and support to Yeovil Town Council throughout the process.
- Attending project meetings where applicable.

The documentation is now in final draft stages and will be shared with the Working Party shortly.

Officers are working through the collection and store to ensure documentation is up to date and donations or items that are not currently part of the collection are managed appropriately. This work is an essential part of ensuring the collection will be ready to be moved and general "good housekeeping". Officers have updated Arts Council England on events and activities as the situation may cause a Significant Change Review and impact the Accreditation of the Museum. A report has been sent to ACE and Officers continue dialogue.

The Heritage team updated members in January on activity by the service and in particular engagement & outreach work. Joseph Lewis successfully delivered a monthly Heritage talk at Westlands Entertainment Venue. Talks used the Heritage Collection to focus on different aspects of local history including railways, gloving,

Christmas in Yeovil and proved very popular. 297 people attended talks and the programme has been expanded for the 2026/27.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Adam Burgan, Director of Culture adam.burgan@yeovil.gov.uk)

Town Crier Competition – 25 April 2026

David Recardo hosted his third competition as Yeovil's Town Crier on Saturday 25 April 2026, welcoming 13 Town Criers from across the country to uphold the historic tradition and compete in the annual event. Participants first delivered their hometown cry, followed by a second round in which they presented a cry of their choice incorporating the theme of water, judged in the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Tony Lock.

Andrew Norris of Wellington was awarded the title of Yeovil's Best Crier for 2026, with Jeremy Holland of Cinderford and Mark Northway of Cromer taking second and third place respectively. Mark Northway also received the award for Best Dressed Crier, while Liz Ellis of Dartmouth was named Best Dressed Consort, and Les and Liz Ellis jointly won Best Dressed Crier/Consort. David Recardo expressed his thanks to the Union Street Brasserie, along with all organisers and judges, whose efforts contributed to another successful and well-attended event.

Dates for 2026/2027

- Super Saturday (Armed Forces) – Saturday 4 July 2026
- eat:Festivals - Saturday 19 September 2026
- Super Saturday – Saturday 19 September 2026
- Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 8 November 2026
- eat:Festivals - Saturday 14 November 2026
- Mayor's Charity Ball – Saturday 21 November 2026
- Christmas Lights Switch On - Saturday 28 November 2026

- eat:Festivals - Saturday 17 April 2027
- Annual Town Criers Competition – Saturday 24 April 2027
- Super Saturday (Armed Forces) – 3 July 2027
- eat:Festivals - Saturday 18 September 2027
- Super Saturday – Saturday 18 September 2027
- eat:Festivals - Saturday 13 November 2027
- Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 14 November 2027
- Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 27 November 2027

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Lucy Ryder, Deputy Town Clerk – lucy.ryder@yeovil.gov.uk)

11/239 COUNTRY WEST FEST

Introduction

Yeovil Town Council agreed for officers to develop a Country Music Festival at Westlands Entertainment Venue and allocated a budget of £5,000 to support the event.

Report

On Saturday 28th March Country West Fest took place at Westlands Entertainment Venue. A Country Music Festival initiated and supported by Yeovil Town Council with the aim of creating a popular event that would become an annual festival to attract visitors to the town, be enjoyed by residents and, in time, become a financial viable event. YTC agreed to support with the event with funding of up to £5,000.00. A working party was established to support development of the event.

Members of the working party: Cllr Graham Oakes, Cllr Dave Woan, Cllr Karl Gill

Officers: Adam Burgan, Amanda Card, Lucy Ryder

The working party agreed that original artists be invited to perform with paid opportunities for local and regional country music artists with a Main Stage and Acoustic Stage. Sarah Yeo, a Yeovil born musician was contracted to book artists, liaise with them on the day and advise on how to develop the event and also to perform herself.

The event ran 12noon – Midnight with tickets priced at £35 and an Early bird rate of £25. Capacity for the event was 1,200 but budgets were based on attendance of 500 people. Kezia Gill was booked as the headline act. She won AMA UK Live Act of the Year in 2025. Other acts included Woodburnt Red, Tennessee Twin, Josh Beer and Savannah Gardener. Feedback on the artists and quality of the acts was very positive.

This Ain't Texas – a one-day country and Western-themed festival bringing together live tribute acts, dancing, Monster Trucks, food, drink and hands-on activities – announced they would be bringing their festival to Yeovil Showground on Saturday 30th May. The organisers stage festivals around the UK and the same festival is also due to visit Carlisle, Cardiff, Nottingham, Cheltenham and Dorset as part of a 20-date circuit. The festival have announced their plan to return retitles "This Ain't Nashville" on 29th May 2027 at Yeovil Showground.

Marketing and Sales

The Country West Fest was included on the Accessible pricing scheme offering tickets for £3 to residents on lower incomes westlandseyovil.co.uk/discover-more/accessible-ticket-scheme/ While the customers pays £3 we use the ACE NPO funding to pay the full amount to promoters. 18 people purchased ticket via this method.

Despite marketing activity tickets sales remained disappointing and total attendance was 216.

Marketing spend totalled £1,152.77 + vat. Marketing activity consisted of posters and leaflets, inclusion within our seasonal brochure, e-marketing to the Westlands & Octagon customer database, social media advertising, organic social media, static press advertising in West Dorset Magazine and Yeovil Press, in-venue screen advertising, Yeovil town centre screen advertising and further outdoor advertising around the town. Officers also liaised with the performing artists to try and seek them to promote the festival, providing branded assets for their use. Post-event analysis has shown that many of the attendees travelled far for the event.

Analysis of marketing showed that:

- 32,038 emails were opened with Country West Fest content contained within
- On social media (Facebook and Instagram), Country West Fest content (organic & paid) received 249,136 impressions. This is the number of times the content is shown on someone's screen, whether they interacted or not
- Country West Fest appeared in two Westland brochure mailings. The first mailing was directly sent to 25,000 recipients on our mailing list with 5,000 copies printed in venue. The second mailing was through the Royal Mail door-to-door delivery service with 115,000 copies sent to households within a 30 mile radius of Westlands.

Financial Outturn

Country Music Festival	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
Income			Expenditure		
Tickets Sales	£12,200	£4,460	Artist Fees	£9,030	£9,030
Grant	£5,000	£5,000	Venue costs	£2,000	£2,967
Merchandise / Traders	£200	£0	PRS	£549	£187.34
Sponsorship	£0	£0	CCC	£427	£156.11
			Festival Co-Ordinator	£1,750	£1,750
			Marketing	£2,500	£1,152.77
			Additional Technical Staff	£696	£1,305
			Theming / decorations	£500	£495
			Catering Hospitality	£500	£423.97
			Security	£0	£1,079.75
Total	£17,400	£9,460.42	Total	£17,952	£18,547

Surplus/Deficit

-£9,087

Notes:

- Security was required due to licence stipulation.
- We do not include the income or expenditure for food and drink sales on events as standard. This is more complex to workout on an event level basis, and the catering element is expected to be profitable. Events are expected to cover costs through ticket sales and other sources and not be reliant on food and drink sales to achieve this.
- Sponsorship was not pursued due to lack of capacity from officers or members.
- Feedback from officers and members on the event:
- *Positively speaking the acts went down really well the atmosphere felt happy and comfortable and welcoming to all.*
- There were some comments about wanting more of a festival feel – outdoor spaces, camping onsite, more food vendors etc.
- Marketing the festival was difficult in creating the balance of original artists and those looking for more tribute act and well known “covers”. Marketing the event earlier was another comment.

Options and points to consider if members wish to develop event:

The total cost of the event was £14,087.00 and therefore the event would not be deemed financially viable without greater support from YTC.

Suggestions for other artists have been made that may attract larger attendance numbers. The implication for these acts would require budget for artists fees to be increased to around £30,000 that would increase the financial risk for the event.

If an outdoor festival was to be pursued, Officers could approach another festival or promoter and negotiate for them to relocate and existing festival to Yeovil or establish a new one. They may require YTC to offer a grant to do so but the promoter would take the financial risk and the festival would benefit from their expertise, contacts and if they produce other festivals scale of operation.

Westlands Entertainment Venue is now heavily booked for the 2026/27, particularly for weekend dates. This Ain't Nashville Festival has been announced for 2027.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED**:

(1) to note the report; and

(2) to consider the future of this festival.

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