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### **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Station Property Sub Committee held at Isambard House on Monday 16th September 2024 at 6.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R Bickford (Vice-Chairman), R Bullock (Chairman),

S Gillies, J Peggs, B Samuels and P Samuels.

ALSO PRESENT: S Burrows (Town Clerk / RFO), W Peters (Finance Officer) and

D Joyce (Administration Officer)

**APOLOGIES**: J Foster and D Yates.

### 33/24/25 <u>HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS.</u>

The Chairman informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

### 34/24/25 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u>

a. To receive any declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.

None.

b. The Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations prior to the start of the meeting for consideration.

None.

### 35/24/25 QUESTIONS - A 15-MINUTE PERIOD WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ASK QUESTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

None received.

# 36/24/25 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE STATION PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2024 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Please see a copy of the minutes on the STC website or request to see a copy at the Guildhall.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor Bickford and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Station Property Sub Committee held on 2 July 2024 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

# 37/24/25 TO RECEIVE THE STATION PROPERTY BUDGET STATEMENT AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

## 38/24/25 <u>TO CONSIDER RISK MANAGEMENT REPORTS AS MAY BE RECEIVED.</u>

Nothing to report.

## 39/24/25 TO RECEIVE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TOWN VISION SUB COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members received the recommendation from the Town Vision Sub Committee to review and develop their Strategic Priorities against their 'Actions' and to consider a number of recommendations.

The Town Clerk provided an overview of the overarching Strategic Priorities set by the Town Council as the corporate body.

The Town Clerk drew Members attention to the deliverables and actions presented for review at this evening's meeting.

Members reviewed the recommendation for amendments to the Station Property Sub Committee's deliverables and actions.

It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Bullock and **RESOLVED** to approve the amendments to the Station Property Sub Committee Business Plan Deliverables as follows and attached;

- Amend under 'Climate Emergency' the 'Aim' To continue to support the Climate Change and Environmental Working Group with free use of Isambard House - due to the Working Group no longer existing – To continue to support external groups with free use of Isambard House (in line with the Hire Policy) where their purpose is climate change and environmental matters.
- 2. To note the Station Property Sub Committee reviewed the Business Plan Deliverables and were content with the status of the current deliverables.

# 40/24/25 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON ISAMBARD HOUSE UTILITY COST AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members received and reviewed the report contained within the circulated reports pack.

Members acknowledged the report highlighting the increase in utility cost since the opening of Trackside Cafe and discussed the potential impact during the upcoming Winter season.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor Bickford and **RESOLVED** to note the report and request the Finance Officer continue to present utility reports at future meetings of the Station Property Sub Committee.

## 41/24/25 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON SOLAR PV AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members received and reviewed the report contained within the circulated reports pack, highlighting associated cost if the Town Council wished to pursue installing Solar PV, inclusive of battery storage and EV Charging facilities.

Members discussed the benefits of installing Solar PV, noting that the use of renewable energy aligns well with the objectives and deliverables of the Town Council's Business Plan.

The Town Clerk shared advice received from the Town Council's insurers, who emphasised the importance of caution when procuring and installing Solar PV due to there being no regulations.

The Town Council's insurers requested consideration be given when sourcing panels and advised procurement from reputable manufacturers located in areas such as Germany or Norway. It was also advised that battery inverters would need to be isolated to avoid potential fire risks.

Members all agreed this project was in the early stages and required careful consideration but wished to confirm their in principle support.

It was proposed by Councillor B Samuels, seconded by Councillor Gillies and **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To approve in principle Solar PV, Battery Storage and EV Charging system at Isambard House;
- 2. To delegate to the Service Delivery Manager to work up a specification and obtain three quotes reporting back at a future Station Property Sub Committee meeting.

## 42/24/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ISAMBARD HOUSE FINAL ACCOUNT AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

The Town Clerk drew Members attention to the response received from Cormac contained within the circulated reports pack.

The Town Clerk referenced a report received from the Town Council's Building Surveyor in which they state, this section of flooring would have had another expansion joint across it where the crack has formed at the approximate mid-point between the expansion joints that are laid across the main hall floor. The crack line is also formed at a weaker part of the floor structure where the entrance door mat wells will cut into the screed finish.

Members discussed how to proceed with Cormac's final offer.

It was proposed by Councillor P Samuels, seconded by Councillor Peggs and **RESOLVED** to note the report delegating to the Town Clerk to seek Barron Surveying's professional advice reporting back at a future Station property Sub Committee meeting.

## 43/24/25 <u>TO RECEIVE FLOORING QUOTES AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS</u> AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members reviewed detailed specifications for a specific brand of commercial flooring included in the circulated reports pack, and revisited the areas that would need coverage.

Members discussed the flooring specifications and the unresolved final account with Cormac, which is related to the cracks in the floor.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor Peggs and **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the Service Delivery Manager obtains three quotes for Forbo Commercial Flooring R11 concrete colour, to include screed if required to all areas, and installation of product to the main space, waiting room and corridor leading to the extension, reporting back to a future Station Property Sub Committee meeting;
- 2. To note that flooring installation cannot take place until the final account with Cormac is finalised.

## 44/24/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ISAMBARD HOUSE EXTENSION AND KITCHEN WORKS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and thank the Assistant Service Delivery Manager for installing the kitchen to a high standard.

# 45/24/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESURFACING THE CAR PARK AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members received an update on the car park resurfacing, confirming that a gully drain is not needed with details provided in the report of surface water runoff plans.

Members noted the work will begin in November and discussed the existing slate slabs in the car park.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor Bickford and **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To note the report;
- To delegate to the Service Delivery Manger, to work with the Chairman to obtain a quote from a local reclamation company for the disposal of the slate;
- 3. That Members are to report ideas for usage of the slate directly to the Chairman;
- 4. That the Chairman of Station Property is to inform Members by email seeking approval prior to disposal of a Town Council asset, ratifying at the next Station Property Sub Committee meeting.

### 46/24/25 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TRACKSIDE CAFE AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members were pleased to learn the café is popular and considered the request to amend the operational hours as detailed in the circulated report.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor B Samuels and **RESOLVED**:

- 1. To approve an amendment to the headline terms of Isambard House Café Licence to Occupy, operational hours only, from 06:45 to 14:30 to 07:15 to 14:30;
- 2. To approve an additional amendment to trial operating on Saturdays from 07:15 to 14:30, to commence from Trackside Café earliest opportunity through the Winter period, reporting back at a future Station Property Sub Committee meeting.

# 47/24/25 TO SET THE STATION PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2025/26 RECOMMENDING TO SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Members discussed the Fees and Charges for the year 2025/26.

It was proposed by Councillor B Samuels, seconded by Councillor Bickford and resolved to **RECOMMEND** to the Services Committee to be held on 10 October 2024 the Station Property Sub Committee Fees and Charges for the year 2025/26, as attached.

# 48/24/25 TO SET THE STATION PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025/26 RECOMMENDING TO SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Finance Officer worked through the budget statement for the year 2025/26 contained within the circulated reports pack.

It was proposed by Councillor Bullock, seconded by Councillor B Samuels and resolved to **RECOMMEND** to the Services Committee to be held on 10 October 2024 the Station Property Sub Committee budget statement for the year 2025/26 (as attached) including the following amendments:

#### **Operational Income:**

1. Budget Code 4304 Isambard House – Café Rental, budget zero income in line with the Agreement, to be reviewed during the fiscal year 2025/26.

#### Operating Expenditure:

- To vire unspent funds from budget code 6802 Gas Isambard House, to 6473 EMF Station Building (Purchase and Capital Works), subject to there being an unspent balance available at the end of year;
- To vire unspent funds from budget code 6803 Electricity Isambard House, to 6473 EMF Station Building (Purchase and Capital Works), subject to there being an unspent balance available at the end of the year;
- 4. To vire unspent funds from budget code 6818 Professional Costs Isambard House, to 6473 EMF Station Building (Purchase and Capital Works), subject to there being an unspent balance available at the end of the year;
- 5. Budget code 6818 Professional Costs Isambard House, be increased from £2,211 to £3,221 due to anticipated associated costs for the year 2025/26.

### 49/24/25 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

To resolve that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press leave the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## 50/24/25 TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS REFERRED FROM THE MAIN PART OF THE AGENDA.

None.

### 51/24/25 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960:

To resolve that the public and press be re-admitted to the meeting.

# 52/24/25 TO CONFIRM ANY PRESS AND SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY AGREED ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE MEETING.

It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Gillies and **RESOLVED** to issue the following Press and Social Media releases:

- 1. Newly installed kitchen facilities;
- 2. Amended café opening hours, in partnership with Trackside Café.

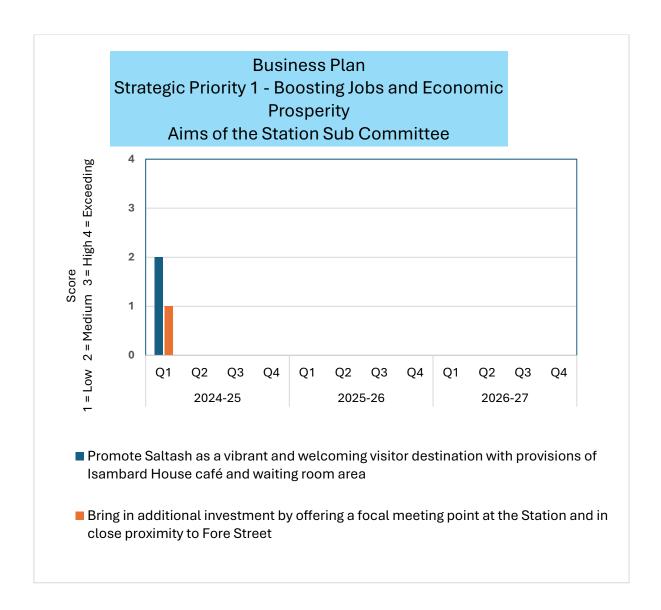
#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date Not Specified at Time Not Specified

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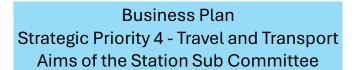
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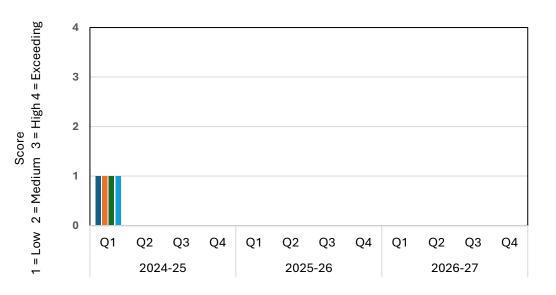
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Page	- Boosting Jobs and Prosperity	Aims of the Station Sub Committee	What does success look like?	Actions	Score (1 = Low 2 = Medium 3 = High 4 = Exceeding)	Q1 Q	2	Q3	Q4
e 131	To ensure Saltash benefits	provisions of Isambard House café and	Maintain, promote, support and secure a concessionaire for Isambard House Cafe and Waiting Room	Offer reduced rates to community organisations and tourism attractions  Organise events and activities at Isambard House such as live music, art exhibitions, and themed nights  Secure a cafe concessionaire to operate the Station Cafe and waiting room by offering reduced rent and utilities  Support and promote the Station Cafe to ensure the waiting room and accessible facilities remain open  Utilise social media platforms and the Town Council website to promote Isambard House facilities and	2	2			
		Bring in additional investment by offering a focal meeting point at the Station and in close proximity to Fore Street	Collaborate with local businesses and attractions	Utilise social media platforms and the Town Council website to promote Isambard House facilities and refurbishment  Support and promote vistor attractions such as the Heritage Centre and Trails, Mary Newmans Cottage and Elliot Store	1	1			



Strategic Priority 2 - Health and Wellbeing		Aims of the Station Sub Committee
-h0	To support the Saltash Healthcare Action Group in improving our local NHS provision. Support improvement to mental health, fitness facilities, educational wellbeing of children and opportunities to access a high level of quality learning for young people.	The Station Property Sub Committee recognised strategic priority 2 - Health and Wellbeing did not fit within the remit (Terms of Reference) of the sub committee

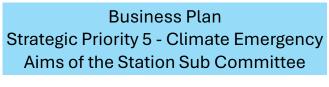
Strategic Priority 4 - Travel and Transport			Aims of the Station Sub	What does success look like?	Actions	Score (1 = Low 2 = Medium				
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		To work with key stakeholders to support access to affordable, accessible and sustainable transport in Saltash and the rural and urban areas, and promote walking and cycling.	Promote Saltash as a vibrant and welcoming visitor destination with provisions of Isambard House café and waiting room area	Improved infrastructure to create a welcoming and vibrant Station building and surroundings	Install clear and directional signage to the Town Centre and local attractions inclusive of sustainable travel options  Encourage the use of Beryl bikes, Saltash Red Bus and the Saltash ferry by promotion  Secure a Service Level Agreement with GWR and work in partnership with local voluntary organisations, together both enhance the green areas ensuring the station is a welcoming, attractive and bright place to visit	1	1			
				neighbouring towns and cities Improved train accessibilty at Saltash Station Ensure Saltash station provides sustainable travel options connecting	Refer to the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan on guidance to sustainable transport  Request install of Beryl bikes at the station building  Request Saltash Red Bus stops at the station building to coincide with train arrival/departures  Advocate for improved train timetable  Increase train stops at Saltash Station  Working in partnership with key stakeholders, such as, Local MP, Cornwall Councillors, Network Rail, GWR, to achieve actions	1	1			
			Embark on a community project for the installation of further connectivity by installing EV Charging Points, Beryl Bikes and Solar Car Ports and Roof within the Station car park	Install EV Charging Points in the Station Car Park  Beryl bikes to be available for use at the station building	Investigate and implement where possible EV charging points at Saltash station  Improved car park facilities  Work in partnership to install Beryl bikes for community and vistor use  Research solar car ports and roof for Isambard House car park	1	1			
			Continue to support and promote the towns 450 local bus service providing better connectivity	Bus	Promote the 450 services via the Town Council website, social media platforms and press releases  Offer a stall at the Library Hub and Meet your Cllr Sessions to promote the bus service	1	1			

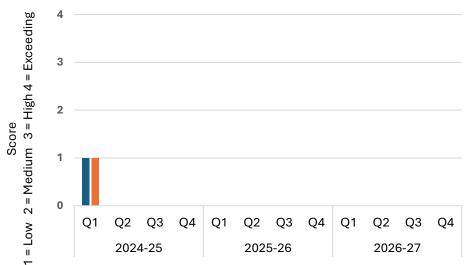




- Promote Saltash as a vibrant and welcoming visitor destination with provisions of Isambard House café and waiting room area
- Saltash Station is a key transport hub to the town
- Embark on a community project for the installation of further connectivity by installing EV Charging Points, Beryl Bikes and Solar Car Ports and Roof within the Station car park
- Continue to support and promote the towns 450 local bus service providing better connectivity

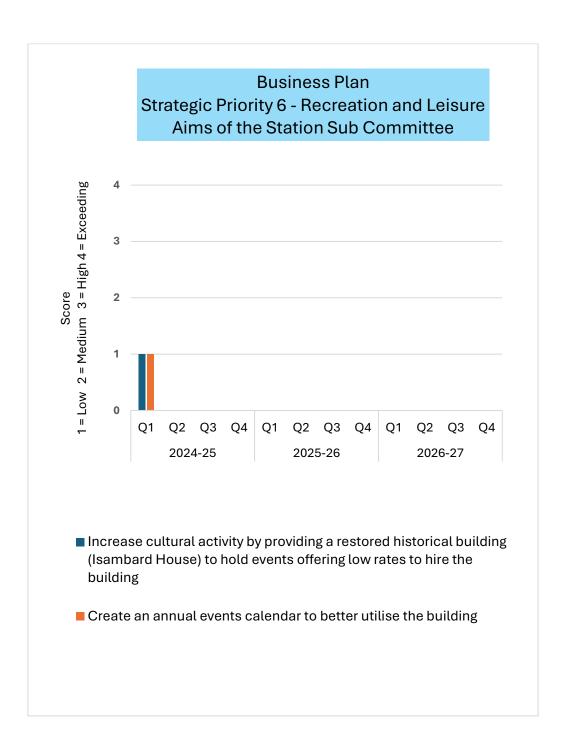
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Strategic Prior	ity 5 - Climate Emergency	Aims of the Station Sub Committee	What does success look like?	Actions	Score (1 = Low 2 = Medium 3 = High 4 = Exceeding)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	To continue to acknowledge a climate emergency and to bring forward a local climate change strategy.	where their purpose is climate	Hold successful community climate change events throughout the year  Support the free use of Isambard House for Climate Change inititives, workshops and community information		1	1				
		To lead by example by Isambard House being well insulated when refurbished with further investments to install Solar PV and Water Systems to assist in reducing energy bills and Co2 emissions	Invest and install solar water systems  Reduction in energy bills and Co2 emmissions  Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan	Refer to the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan for guidance on efficient buildings and low-carbon heating  Assess the needs and goals the Town Council wish to achieve with installing solar PV and water systems  Research the types of solar PV and water systems that may be suitable to the needs and goals  Assess site suitability  Monitor and assess energy bills and Co2 emmissions	1	1				





- To continue to support the Climate Change and Environmental Working Group with free use of Isambard House
- To lead by example by Isambard House being well insulated when refurbished with further investments to install Solar PV and Water Systems to assist in reducing energy bills and Co2 emissions

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Page	Strategic Priority 6 - Leisur		Aims of the Station Sub Committee	What does success look like?	Actions	(1 = Low 2 = Medium 3 = High 4 = Exceeding)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ge 139		provide, improve, and		Increased cultural actvities at Isambard House Increased event hire Improved promotion of the historical nature and restoration of Isambard House	Effective promotion and advertising of the station building and its restoration  Host community events which are free or low-cost that offer an invitation to local residents to explore and enjoy the building  Maintain an engaging website and social media profile with regular updates, photos, and event announcements	1	1			
			Create an annual events calendar to b	A fully operational and cohesive events calendar Improved promotions and outreach and communications	Maintain an engaging website and social media profile with regular updates, photos, and event announcements  Plan a mix of events incorporating historical holidays, community festivals and art exhibitions	1	1			



### Minute Item 47/24/

## Saltash Town Council Fees and Charges

Description		2024/25 Charge	2025/26 Proposed Charge
Room Hire (VATable)		Including VAT	Including VAT
Isambard House (Station)	(Minimum 2 hour booking) Casual ph - weekdays, weekends and evenings (Community Rate) Casual ph - weekdays 9am - 5pm (Commercial Rate) Casual ph - weekends & evenings (Commercial Rate) 20% Discount for regular bookers evenings and weekends	£10.00 £15.00 £30.00	£10.00 £15.00 £30.00
Room Hire Art Exhibi Isambard House (Station)	tons (VATable)		
Saltash Based Exhibitors	Based on 6 hour day Weekdays - per day + 10% commission of sales Weekends - per day + 10% commission of sales	£36.00 £60.00	£36.00 £60.00
Non Saltash Based Exhibitors	Weekdays - per day + 10% commission of sales Weekends - per day + 10% commission of sales	£48.00 £72.00	£48.00 £72.00
Room Hire Extras (VA	ATable) Tea/coffee per cup with biscuits (Community) Tea/coffee per cup with biscuits (Commercial)	£1.00 £1.00	£1.00 £1.00

### Minute Item 48/24/

#### Services Committee - Isambard House (Station Building) Budget 2024-25

Saltash Town Council For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	Prior YTD 2023/24	Budget Including Virements 2024/25	Actual YTD 2024/25	Budget Available 2024/25	Precept 2025/26	Notes			Budget 2028/29	
Isambard House Operating Income	5,120	8,000	2 492	4 540	6 F00	Deced on VTD income	6 605	6 906	7,103	7 217
4301 SA Isambard House - Bookings 4302 SA Isambard - Refreshment Income	5,120	75	3,482	4,518		Based on YTD income Based on YTD income	6,695 124	6,896 128	132	7,317
4304 SA Isambard House - Cafe Rental	0	0	0	0		To be reviewed in future	0	0	0	0
Total Isambard House Operating Income	5,201	8,075	3,522	4,553	6,620		6,819	7,024	7,235	7,453
Isambard House Operating Expenditure										
6800 SA Rates - Isambard House	3,720 300	4,431 693	3,842	589	-,	Actual + CPI 3%	4,077 736	4,200 759	4,326 782	4,456
6801 SA Water Rates - Isambard House 6802 SA Gas - Isambard House	481	6,519	(886) 87	1,579 6,432	3,000	Current Budget + CPI 3%  Estimate £3,000. This is 6 times previous year taking into consideration increased usage for café (recommend unused balance 24/25 vire to 6473 SA EMF	3,090	3,183	3,279	3,378
6803 SA Electricity - Isambard House	2,498	9,679	1,076	8,604	7,494	Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)  Estimate £7,494. This is 3 times previous year taking into consideration increased usage for café (recommend unused balance 24/25 vire to 6473 SA EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)	7,719	7,951	8,190	8,436
6804 SA Fire & Security Alarm - Isambard House	382	1,073	473	600		Based on Actual 24/25 maintenance £467 + £500 for unforeseen maintenance	997	1,027	1,058	1,090
6808 SA Cleaning Materials & Equipment - Isambard House	611	1,817	469	1,348		Based on 3 year average (reduction of 24/25 by £467)	1,391	1,433	1,476	1,521
6810 SA General Repairs & Maintenance - Isambard House	1,217	2,000	810	1,190	2,560	Current Budget + CPI 3% + additional Planting est. £500	2,637	2,717	2,799	2,883
6813 SA Refreshments Costs - Isambard House	0	226	9	217	500	Current Budget + CPI 3%	515	531	547	564
6814 SA Equipment - Isambard House	947	1,062	417	645	1,094	Current Budget + CPI 3%	1,127	1,161	1,196	1,232
6818 SA Professional Costs - Isambard House	668	2,146	105	2,041	3,211	Current Budget + CPI 3% + additional £1k (recommend unused balance 24/25 vire to 6473 SA EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)	3,308	3,408	3,511	3,617
6821 SA IT & Office Costs - Isambard House	70	1,073	0	1,073	500	Reduce 25/26 to £500 (Saving £573 24/25)	515	531	547	564
6822 SA Activities & Events	1,479	1,073	976	97	1,106	Current Budget + CPI 3% (This is usually offset against income in 4301 Bookings)	1,140	1,175	1,211	1,248
Total Isambard House Operating Expenditure	12,373	31,792	7,378	24,415	26,454		27,252	28,076	28,922	29,795
Total Isambard House Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(7,172)	(23,717)	(3,856)	(19,861)	(19,834)		(27,252)	(28,076)	(28,922)	(29,795)
Isambard House EMF Expenditure										
6473 SA EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)	0	57,745	5,806	51,939	0	Agreed no additional budget required Committed cost for car park £21,000. Solar Panels estimate to be followed up	0	0	0	0
6870 SA EMF Isambard House Retention Fund	0	18,492	0	18,492		Agreed no additional budget required (Final account £17,250)	0	0	0	0
6871 SA EMF Tresorys Kernow Funding	2,458	469	0	469		This is planned to be used for Beating of the Bounds costs in September 24	0	0	0	0
6872 SA EMF Entertainment Licenses	0	2,132	0	2,132		Agreed no additional budget required	0	0	0	0
Total Isambard House EMF Expenditure	2,458	78,838	5,806	73,032	0		0	0	0	0
Total Isambard House Expenditure (Operational & EMF)	14,831	110,630	13,183	97,447	26,454		27,252	28,076	28,922	29,795
Total Isambard House Budget Surplus/ (Deficit)	(9,630)	(102,555)	(9,661)	(92,894)	(19,834)		(27,252)	(28,076)	(28,922)	(29,795)
Estimated CPI 3% for Qtr 4 2024/25* * Bank of England Monetary Policy Report August 24			Pre Increase	cept 2024/25 cept 2025/26 / (Decrease) ference as %	(23,717) (19,834) (3,883) -3.7%					