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March 2017

## Council Strategy and Business Plan

Cornwall Council faces further change, with current austerity measures likely to continue until at least the end of the decade. By the end of 2019 we will have to save £196m; nearly one-third of the Council's net budget. During the same period Cornwall will receive nearly €530m of European funding to create economic growth. This gives us a dual challenge: to invest money effectively for the long-term benefit of Cornwall, and to save money to ensure that we have sustainable public services.

The [Council's Strategy](#) sets out clear aims for 2015 – 2020 around eight key themes in order to create a more sustainable Cornwall.

The [Council's Business Plan 2017 - 2018](#), which is reviewed annually, sets out the key management actions that will be undertaken to achieve the outcomes and aims of the Strategy.

We have produced a summary of the Business Plan [Our aims for 2017](#) which gives residents a much clearer and concise sense of what we are endeavouring to achieve over the course of the year, to deliver the Council Strategy and improve the areas that are most important to residents.

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## Cornwall Planning Partnership Update

7 March 2017

The Cornwall Planning Partnership met on 7 March 2017 and received an update on

## Useful links

Click on the links below to open the attachments.

- [Community networks](#)
- [Town and Parish Councils](#)

the [Community Infrastructure Levy \(CIL\)](#) and has since formed a sub-group, of two clerks and two councillors, to work with the Council's Policy team to consider how to carry out engagement and ensure Local Council input, prior to the next stage in the process. The final draft of the CIL Charging schedule is hoped to be published in May.

The partnership also discussed Local Council CIL consultation responses and agreed that there is a need for both local councils and planning case officers to state specific policies in their responses. Please can all Clerks refer to their specific policies that would apply in their own Neighbourhood Plans, and also the Local Plan policies if possible, in their consultation responses to Planning.

The Cornwall [pre-app protocol](#) for Local Councils has now been live since Autumn 2016 and 35 towns and parishes have now signed-up to working with both the Council and developers in engaging local residents on pre-application proposals. We have decided to introduce a new process, as part of our pre-application advice service, from May 2017 to ensure greater community engagement and involvement in new developments. Planning case officers will advise applicants and agents on the most appropriate form of community engagement for their proposal. One of the options we will be recommending to developers is to work with the Local Council to facilitate an event for local residents. More information is available in the Cornwall pre-app protocol for Local Council. Planning case officers will continue to advise developers to liaise with the Local Council regardless of which option for community engagement they recommend. Information on the Cornwall pre-app protocol for Local Councils can be found on the [Planning Partnership webpage](#).

Enforcement is a hot topic in the group, and a Partnership workshop was held on 23 February, with Development Management and Enforcement staff, to consider reporting processes, retrospective planning applications, interactions between enforcement officer and local councils, what constitutes a breach, and compliance with planning conditions. We will be sharing the actions to be taken forward, that came out of the workshop, with Local Councils soon.

Work is almost complete on the new online

- [Information for Town and Parish Council's](#)
- [Media releases](#): press releases issued by the Council
- [Planning newsletter February 2017](#)
- [Devolution in Cornwall](#)

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## Our Forward Plan

View the current [Cornwall Council work programme](#) and details of future work programmes. Details of the [Localism Policy Advisory Committee](#) can be found by following the link. Here you can find minutes, the members involved and more.

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## City, Town and Parish Council elections

As you know, all seats on Cornwall Council and City, Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall are due for election in May 2017. Kate Kennally will be the Returning Officer and Cornwall Council Electoral Services will conduct the elections on her behalf. Please see [the Elections webpages](#) for more information.

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## Town Parking Review update

We have analysed the consultation responses from the Town Parking Review; we have held a series of meetings with local representatives, in each of the towns, to explain the results and discuss options for Residents' Parking Schemes and other traffic management solutions. You can view briefing notes from the meetings, maps and engagement analysis reports on our [the parking review webpages](#).

As a result of the Town Parking Review survey feedback we are not progressing with on-street Pay and Display parking in any of the towns, at this time.

planning training guide: 'A day in the life of a planning application' which covers the whole planning process from an initial approach with a concept or proposal to actions taken after a formal decision has been made. The online training guide, which is the result of the first workshop held by the Planning Partnership, is an example of the sort of thing the group is achieving together. We all hope the guide, conceived and produced by the Partnership, will benefit Local Councils and be a valuable resource for new Members, residents and others. The interactive guide will be available on the Council's website from May 2017 with guidance, links, information on processes from pre-application through to determination of a formal application, the Appeals process and Enforcement.

The next meeting of the Partnership is on 14 June; please send requests for items to be raised, by email to: [David Edmondson](#), or [Sarah Mason](#)

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## Code of Conduct Training 2017

Cornwall Council is offering training on the Code of Conduct at different venues around the County between May and October. This is aimed at all Cornwall Councillors, Town and Parish Councillors and clerks. The sessions are free of charge and cover all aspects of the Code of Conduct including disclosable pecuniary interests, non-registerable interests, predetermination and an update on case law. There are plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

The training will take place as follows:

18 May 2017: 2-4pm  
GW:03, Council Offices, Dolcoath Avenue,  
Camborne, TR14 8SX

19 May 2017: 2-4pm  
Trelawny Room, New County Hall, Truro,  
TR1 3AY

23 May 2017: 4-6pm  
Alverne Room, St Johns Hall, Alverton  
Street, Penzance, TR18 2QW

25 May 2017: 2-4pm  
Public Rooms, 3-5 West Street, Liskeard,  
PL14 6BW

11 September 2017: 2-4pm  
Council Chamber, St Austell One Stop

Whilst all towns had issues with parking in residential streets, the surveys showed that residents parking was not the right solution for every town. We are therefore proposing to develop schemes for new residents parking and changes to yellow line waiting restrictions in Falmouth, Penryn, St Ives, Truro and Wadebridge. Changes to yellow line waiting restrictions only are being developed for Bude, Newquay and Penzance. The public engagement exercise helped us identify support for a number of other existing or new parking offers, which will help ease pressure on our streets and make parking easier, including overnight parking in off-street car parks included in the price of a residents' parking permit. We will be producing a Business Case to determine funding for the schemes, for the Council's Cabinet to consider later this year. Before any scheme is put in, a statutory Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation will be carried out.

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## Council Tax Bills

As you will know Council tax bills are being delivered to premises across Cornwall and this year we have included a summary of our Council Business Plan called [Our aims for 2017](#) which explains what we plan to achieve during the next 12 months, and why. You can read the Council's business plan and our aims for 2017 on the [Council Strategy and Business Plan](#) page.

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## Cornwall Council draft Customer Promise

In line with our Customer Access Strategy, we are producing a new Customer Promise, which sets out what customers of our services, can expect from the Council.

We would appreciate your views on our [draft version of our Customer Promise](#) as our partners as well as our customers.

You can give us your views on our

Shop, 39 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DW

25 September 2017: 2-4pm  
Room 2/3, Parkhouse Centre, Ergue-Gaberic Way, Bude, EX23 8LD

19 October 2017: 6-8pm  
Trelawny Room, New County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

To book places on any of the above training sessions or if you have any questions relating to the sessions please contact by email either [Simon Mansell](#) or [Joanne Skeplorn](#).

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## Closed Churchyard Maintenance

Cornwall Council maintains over 90 Closed Churchyards across Cornwall. The maintenance responsibility, which has been formally transferred to Cornwall Council by the Diocese, is currently delivered via CORMAC Solutions, who are commissioned to cut the grass three times per year. This sympathetic, wildlife focused approach offers some ecological benefit whilst maintaining churchyards in a respectful way. Further details of the maintenance regime can be found on [Cornwall Council's closed churchyards webpage](#).



We are keen to know whether you would have an interest in taking on the grass maintenance of any closed churchyards within your City, Town or Parish area, currently managed by Cornwall Council. We will continue our statutory duties of headstone testing, structural assessments of retaining walls and trees; we can also set up a funded maintenance agreement to cover additional work if you are interested. For further information, and to discuss your options, please [contact the Environment Service by email](#)

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## Shared Ownership Scheme

There is an exciting opportunity for people with learning and physical disabilities to be able to own their home. Cornwall Council have won a national bid to help support people with deposits, purchasing fees and adaptations and has



draft Customer Promise;

- via our online survey: [Draft Customer Promise survey](#)
- or by email to: [haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk)

**We would be grateful if you could let us have your response before 12 May 2017.**

We will use what you tell us to help inform and develop our final Customer Promise.

If you have any questions about the Customer Promise please email [haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk)

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**Mark Read**  
Cornwall Council  
Service Director for Customer Access and Digital Services

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## Devolution Deal update

The [latest Devolution Deal newsletter](#) is now available on our website with information about progress on Shaping The Future, which is what we've called our Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), that will start to rethink the way that health and care services are provided and also focus more on prevention.

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## Rural Services Network

**Latest Rural News**



- [Rural schools need fairer funding](#)
- [Experts outline Brexit approach for rural policy](#)
- [The Buses Bill: What's in it for rural services?](#)
- [Rural businesses lack reliable broadband](#)
- [Councils highlight importance of services](#)
- [Latest 'rural proofing' guidance published](#)

...and much more on the [Rural Services Network website](#).

Don't forget to have a read of the [March Rural Opportunities Bulletin](#),

been working in partnership with Advance Housing and [MySafeHome](#) to develop a new Shared Ownership Scheme.

We aim to develop housing that supports independent living and people's own choices. Within the scheme a person will be able to choose their home and its location. The scheme could also be applicable for people with complex needs. Some criteria would apply. If you are interested or know somebody who could be, please visit Cornwall Council's [Shared Ownership webpage](#) for more information.

a monthly bulletin which highlights a selection of current funding, consultation and other opportunities.



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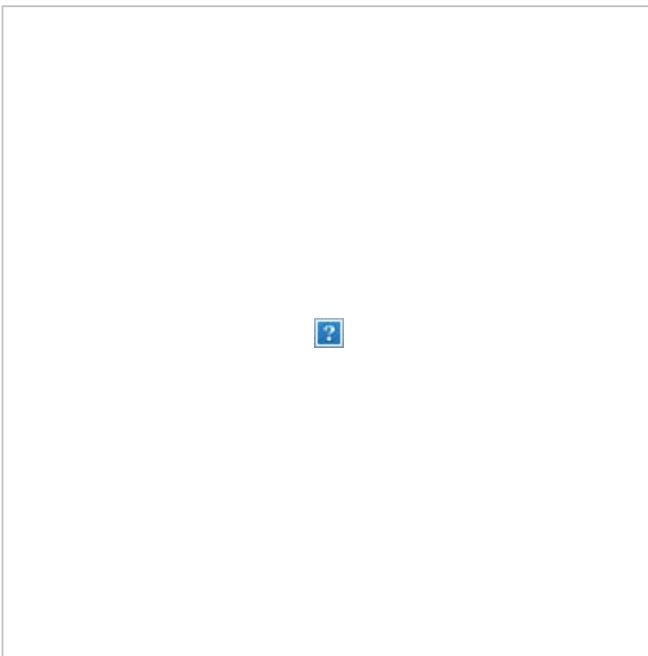
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