

Report to STC April 2024

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1. New Waste Service to start from Monday 8th April

The new weekly food waste and fortnightly rubbish collection service will start from next week for Saltash and other areas in South East Cornwall.

Changes to Collection Days

Most people's collection day will change when their new service starts, so it's important to double check. The date of the first collection and new collection day are in the Go Collection Calendar that was posted to households in March, or can be found by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/myarea and entering a postcode.

Old bins: Deadline of 10th April

Residents won't be able to use their existing rubbish bins once the new service starts. Cornwall Council is encouraging people to consider reusing their old bin as a garden water butt, a compost bin, a place to store firewood, or for rinsing out wet suits (!). If residents are not able to repurpose their old bins, Cornwall Council will collect them and recycle them where possible. To get their old bin collected, residents need to apply by midnight on 10 April 2024 by visiting:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/ask-us-to-recycle-your-old-bin/>

Bins that haven't been delivered yet

Residents who haven't received their bins or food waste caddies need to let Cornwall Council know via the website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/wastechanges or by ringing 0300 1234 141

New or Replacement Bags

New or replacement bags for cardboard, glass, plastics, cans, paper and textiles can be ordered via the website www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling

Food Waste Collection Service

Information on how to use the new food waste collection service, including what can and can't be put in to the caddies, can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/foodrecycling

Missing or Damaged Bins

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/wastechanges and click the 'Tell us there's a problem with your bin' tile.

Rubbish Reduction Tips

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/wastechanges and click the 'Tips to reduce your rubbish' tile.

2. Adult Education Budget

The Adult Education Budget (AEB) was the largest part of the Level 2 Devolution Deal signed by Cornwall Council with the government in December 2023. Estimated to be worth £10.2 million per year, the funding, strategy and management of the AEB will be devolved to Cornwall from August 2025. It is anticipated that the Cornwall Growth Board, once it is set up, will be responsible for approvals relating to the AEB, but until the Board is operational, decisions will be made by Cornwall Council's Cabinet. The draft AEB Strategic Skills Plan can be found here: [Adult Education Strategic Skills Plan Appendix 1.pdf \(cornwall.gov.uk\)](#)

3. Local Plan and the Call for Sites

The current Local Plan covers the period from 2010 to 2030. The most recent review (accepted by Cabinet in September 2021) concluded that the Plan remains up to date and continues to carry full weight in decision-making.

However, there are some proposals working their way through the parliamentary process that will impact on the National Planning Policy and Local Plans. One of those changes is to shorten the preparation period to 30 months (24 months to prepare the new Plan and six months for Examination in Public). There are also changing economic factors in Cornwall, including new opportunities such as renewed mineral extraction, environmental factors such as climate change and its impact on coastal areas, and social factors such as population change and movement. Cornwall Council therefore wants to start preparing an evidence base for the next Local Plan so that it is well informed. As part of this a Call for Sites has been issued inviting landowners, developers and town and parish councils to highlight areas of land for assessment for future growth. The overarching aim is to ensure there is sufficient and suitable housing stock to end homelessness in all its forms.

The initial call for sites runs from 20 February until 22 April and is open to anyone wishing to suggest land to be considered. It differs from previous calls in that it:

- Includes housing and employment land
- Proactively incorporates a wider range of site suggestion sources (e.g. allocated land in NDPs)
- Includes a lower site threshold at 5 dwellings or more (previously 10 dwellings)

Cornwall Councillors have received a briefing on the Call for Sites, but at this stage it was still an introduction, with no discussion of details of potential sites. There will be an interim update to Cabinet in the summer this year, with a final report in late 2024. Here is the link for information and to submit a site: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/call-for-sites/>

4. Fourth Round of Community Infrastructure Levy Fund launched

The latest round of the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund aims to support projects that help ease the impact of development or help new development to happen. Constituted community groups, including not for profit organisations can bid for between £20,000 and £100,000.

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest form is Tuesday 30 April. Projects that are considered suitable for CIL support will be invited to submit a full application with successful projects being announced mid-December. More information can be found here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/developer-contributions/cil-fund/>

5. Live Consultations on the Let's Talk Website:



The Great Cornish Hedges Survey!

Help us identify all the types of Cornish hedges and what the ones look like near you.



New EV Charge Points

We want you to suggest locations for new Electric Vehicle charge points



Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Strategy

We're aiming to improve the lives of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities in Cornwall.



Mid Cornwall Metro

Visit the website for this project to transform journeys in the Mid Cornwall area.