

South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership

Action Notes

Meeting:	South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership
Date & time:	Tuesday 7 April 2026 (6:00pm-7:50pm)
Location:	St Pinnock Band & Community Hall, East Taphouse
Attendance & apologies:	See attendance list attached

Item	Notes
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The CAP Chair, Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe welcomed all present.</p> <p>The Chair thanked St Pinnock Band and Community Hall for hosting the meeting. Tim Whitehead (Chairman) and Valerie Hodkin (Treasurer) were introduced and gave a presentation highlighting the projects funded through the Cornwall Council Community Capacity Fund including Tap-Into-Film and St Pinnock Band Musical Youth Club.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p>Action Notes (6 January and 12 March 2026)</p> <p>The notes of the last meeting held on 6 January 2026 and the extraordinary meeting held on 12 March 2026 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamar Crossings – An additional Tamar Tag consultation event was arranged in Liskeard at the request of the CAP, however turnout was disappointing. • Suicide Safer Communities Project – Steve Webb, Suicide Safer Communities Facilitator attended the Joint South East Cornwall & Tamar to Moor Health & Wellbeing Working Group. Steve was currently proactively engaged with a focus group at the Rame Peninsula. • Community Infrastructure Levy Fund – Details were re-circulated as requested. • Community Highways Improvement Programme – Details were re-circulated as requested. • Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee – Clarification was previously requested on the procedure for Councillors not on the Joint Committee who wished to raise questions at the meeting. The Terms of Reference were circulated following the CAP meeting.
4.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
5.	Echo Centre – Lorna Searle, Team Leader

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	<p>Lorna provided an insight into the support and services available at the Echo Centre which offers a unique service based in Liskeard supporting people with physical disability, brain injury, cognitive impairment and long-term health conditions. The centre is a purpose-built facility, run by Corserv Care, for adults aged between 18–70 years and is open Monday to Fridays. Please see attached leaflet for details of the services provided.</p> <p><u>Q&As</u></p> <p>Q. How can people attend – is it a referral process? A. Referrals can be made through Adult Social Care or if self-funding, requests can be made direct and an initial appointment will be arranged to visit the centre to assess needs etc.</p> <p>Q. Is there a similar provision for under 18s? A. Not aware of any similar provision.</p> <p>Q. How much does a session cost? A. £50 per day (6 hours).</p> <p>Q. Is there anything the CAP can do to help? A. Please help to spread the word and promote the services being offered through community newsletters etc. ACTION (CT): Catherine to send any potential funding opportunities to Lorna.</p>
6.	<p>Devon & Cornwall Police Update ACTION (LG): As a representative was unable to attend the meeting, an update would be requested for circulation with the action notes.</p>
7.	<p>Community and Town & Parish Council Engagement – John Hesketh John Hesketh provided an insight into the report previously circulated with the agenda on ‘Community Engagement & the Demographic Deficit’ together with some background research on what residents actually think of their local council – please see attached presentation.</p> <p>A networking session took place prior to the meeting and each Town & Parish Council representative was asked to complete a survey about various methods of engagement. ACTION (JH): John to summarise the results and share findings to the CAP with a view of exploring potential barriers for options not currently used.</p> <p>Examples of best practice were shared including community/parish newsletters. Sample newsletters were circulated at the meeting from St Keyne & Trewidland, Landulph, Torpoint, Quethiock, St Germans and Deviock. The amount of time and commitment to produce the newsletters was highlighted, however, it was recognised that the newsletters were an effective method of engagement and were well received by residents.</p>

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	Reference was made to the Government's proposal to allow Town and Parish Councils to hold remote council meetings, expected to come into effect later in the year, and the potential pros and cons. Further details were awaited.
8.	Town and Parish Councils No issues were raised.
9.	<p>Transport/infrastructure</p> <p>Tamar Bridge & Torpoint Ferry Catherine provided an update from Philip Robinson, Chief Officer, Tamar Crossings: <i>"The Tamar Tag fee consultation closed yesterday and the work now starts in earnest to analyse the responses - of which there were nearly 4000. Exact number not yet known.</i></p> <p><i>I continue to reassure all that I will be taking note of all comment and the strength of feeling and will report back to the Joint Chairs at the end of the month. Any recommendations will be taken to the Joint Committee at the next meeting on the 26th of June. This will also provide time to see what impact current fuel costs have on our operational costs as well as our income".</i></p> <p>It was noted that the findings would be processed and analysed by an independent agency.</p> <p>A38 Cllr Worth relayed a message from Safe38 expressing disappointment at the lack of further investment for the A38 in the Government's recently published Road Investment Strategy (RIS) 3.</p> <p>Community Highways Improvement Programme 33 Expressions of Interest (EoI's) were submitted and were being reviewed by the Highways Manager to assess eligibility, deliverability etc. A meeting with the Cornwall Councillors was arranged for the 16th April. It was hoped the schemes could be programmed over the 3-year programme, however, should this not be possible, Cornwall Councillors would need to prioritise schemes.</p> <p>Reference was made to the previous highways scheme when each Town and Parish Council could vote on schemes. It was hoped that fair consideration would be given to the smaller rural parishes when shortlisting potential projects due to their smaller precepts and less funding opportunities.</p>
10.	<p>Working Groups - updates and consider any recommendations</p> <p>10.1 - Economy & Transport working group – including an update on the MOU linked to the Government investment into Devonport</p>

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	<p>It was confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding had been signed. An initial meeting would be arranged with the Chair and co-chairs of the Economy & Transport working group to meet with Claire Hurley, Lead Officer for Cornwall to discuss current position, next steps etc.</p> <p>10.2 - Tamar to Moor and South East Cornwall Joint Health & Wellbeing working group The group recently visited the Health Hub in Launceston which provides access to support and services to help alleviate the pressure on GPs and hospitals. ACTION (CT): Catherine to circulate the Health Hub information to the CAP.</p> <p>10.3 - Climate Change & Nature Recovery Network The University of Exeter were keen to engage with CAPs, particularly those with a particular focus on Climate Change, in relation to their Local Climate Action Tool project. Initially they were aiming to work with a pilot group of 3-4 CAPs to conduct workshops and create resources that would then be made available online and promoted to all 12 CAPs. ACTION (CT): Catherine to circulate further details when available to the CAP.</p> <p>Low attendance of the networking group was noted. ACTION (CT): Catherine to re-circulate the meeting dates to the CAP.</p>
11.	<p>Next Meeting (including the AGM): Thursday 25 June (face-to-face) – Liskeard Service Hub (to be confirmed).</p>

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Attendance List: 7 April 2026

Representatives	Record of Attendance
Cornwall Councillors	
Kevin Grey (Liskeard Central)	Present
Jim Gale (Lynher)	Apologies received
Kate Ewert (Rame Peninsula & St Germans)	Apologies received
Jim Candy (Looe West, Pelynt, Lansallos & Lanteglos)	Present
Hilary Frank (Saltash Essa)	Present
Keith Johnson (Saltash Tamar)	Present
Sarah Preece (Lostwithiel & Lanreath)	Apologies received
Jane Pascoe (Liskeard South & Dobwalls)	Present
Sean Smith (St Cleer & Menheniot)	Present
Rob Parsonage (Torpoint)	Not present
Mark Gibbons (Looe East & Deviock)	Apologies received
Paul Cador (Saltash Trematon & Landrake)	Present
Town & Parish Councils (<i>Town & Parish Councils are in the process of appointing their single named voting representatives to the CAPs; where these have been confirmed by the Clerk, these are shown below</i>)	
Antony Parish Council: Councillor Peter Bulmer (named representative)	Not present
Botus Fleming Parish Council: Apologies received from Councillor John Robinson	Apologies received
Deviock Parish Council	Present
Dobwalls Parish Council: Councillor Tracey Kitto (named representative)	Present
Duloe Parish Council: Councillor Tania Beaumont	Present
Landrake-with-St Erney Parish Council	Not present
Landulph Parish Council: Councillor Clare Tagg, Councillor Martin Worth (CAP Vice-Chair) and Karen Yorke-Dunne (Clerk)	Present
Lanreath Parish Council: Councillor David Heard (named representative)	Present
Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council	Not present
Liskeard Town Council: Councillor Christina Whitty (named representative)	Present
Looe Town Council: Councillor Simon Barker and Sam White (Clerk). Apologies received from Councillor James Lundy (named representative)	Present
Maker with Rame Parish Council: Apologies received from Councillor Rebecca Lingard	Apologies received
Menheniot Parish Council: Councillor Adrian Cole (named representative)	Present
Millbrook Parish Council: Councillor Dale Moorey (named representative)	Not present
Morval Parish Council	Not present
Pelynt Parish Council	Not present
Polperro Community Council	Not present
Quethiock Parish Council: Councillor John Blatchford (named representative)	Present
Saltash Town Council: Councillor Steve Miller	Present
Sheviock Parish Council	Not present
St Cleer Parish Council	Not present
St Germans Parish Council: Councillor Alan Hodge (named representative)	Present
St John Parish Council	Not present
St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council: John Hesketh (Clerk)	Present

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St Martin-by-Looe Parish Council: Councillor Roberta Powley and Councillor Barbara Reynolds	Present
St Neot Parish Council: Apologies received from Councillor Thomas Thrussell	Apologies received
St Pinnock Parish Council: Councillor Julian Dingle and Councillor Jeanette Simmonds	Present
Torpoint Town Council: Councillor Gary Davis (named representative)	Present
Warleggan Parish Meeting	Not present
Representatives of other organisations present at the meeting	
Lorna Searle – Echo Centre	
Tim Whitehead – St Pinnock Band & Community Hall	
Valerie Hodkin – St Pinnock Band & Community Hall	
Members of the public	
No members of the public were in attendance.	
Community Area Partnership officer team	
Catherine Thomson (Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council)	Present
Lisa Grigg (Community Support Assistant, Cornwall Council)	Present
Louise Wood (Cornwall Council Leadership Team Representative/Service Director – Planning & Housing, Cornwall Council)	Apologies received
Apologies for absence received from representatives of other organisations	
Inspector Jamie Musgrove – Devon & Cornwall Police	
James Millidge – Safe38	

Community Engagement & the Democratic Deficit

Prepared for South East Cornwall
Community Area Partnership

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What are you? and what do you do?



Vicar of Dibley

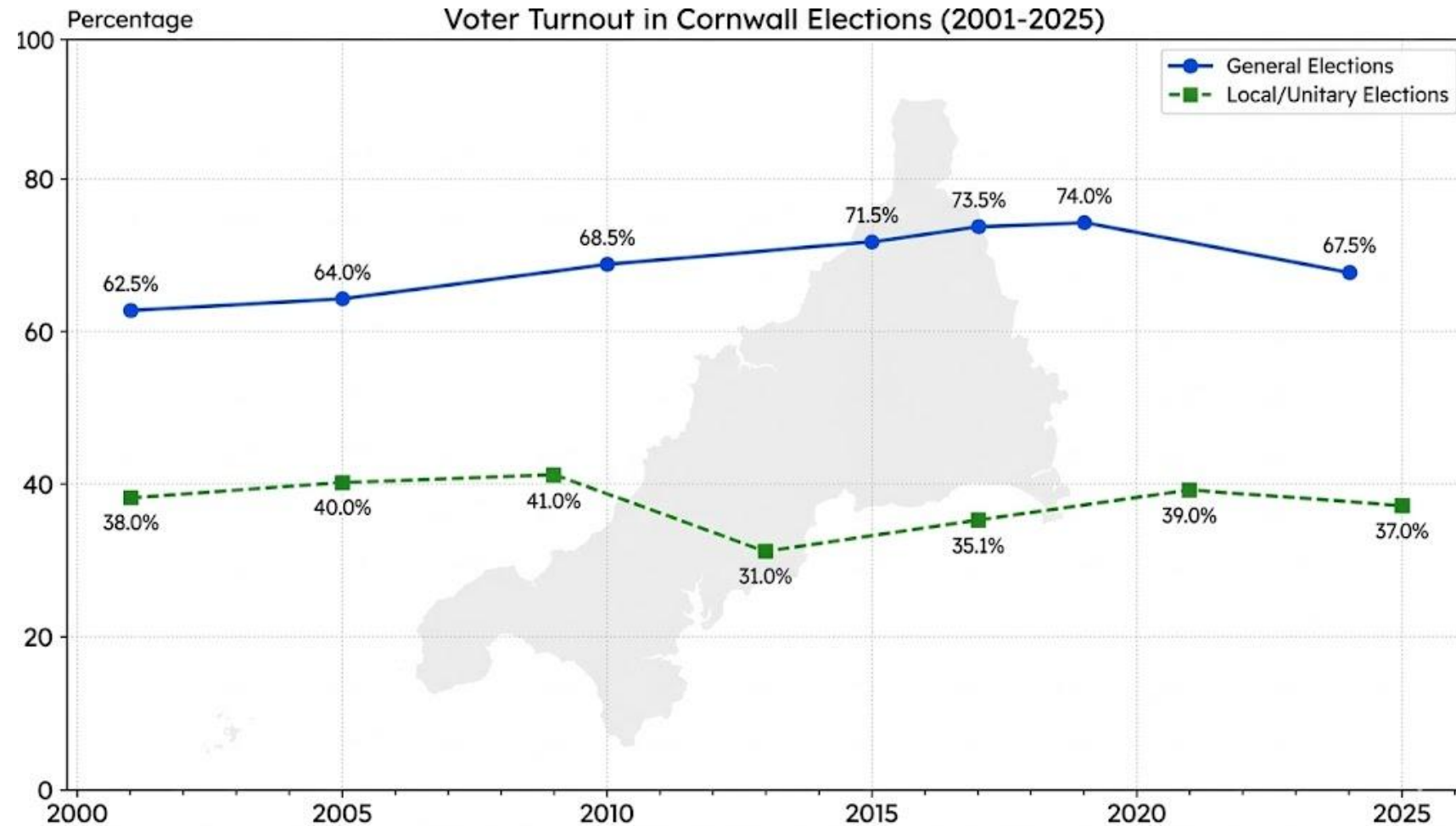


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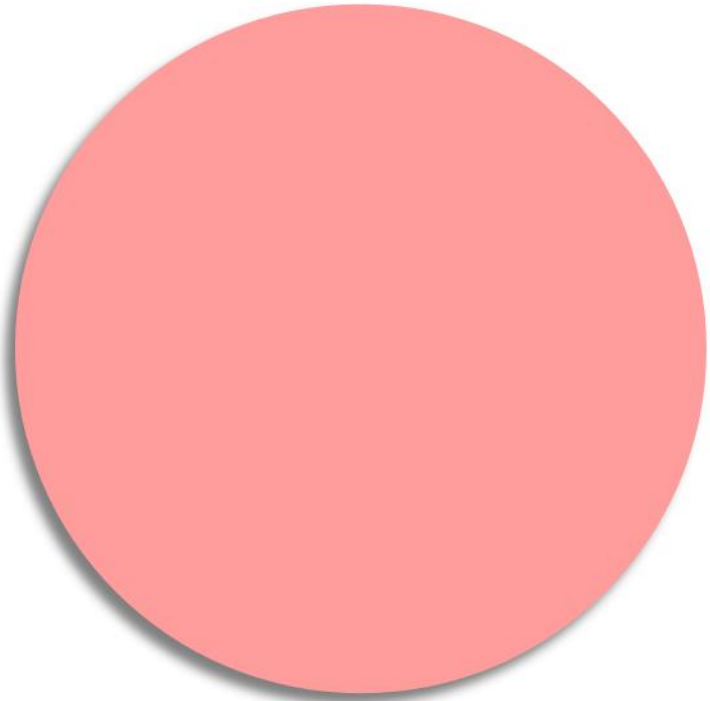


Cornwall Council

Turnout at elections Elections 2000-2025



Contested elections? 12 Divisions in South East Cornwall CAP

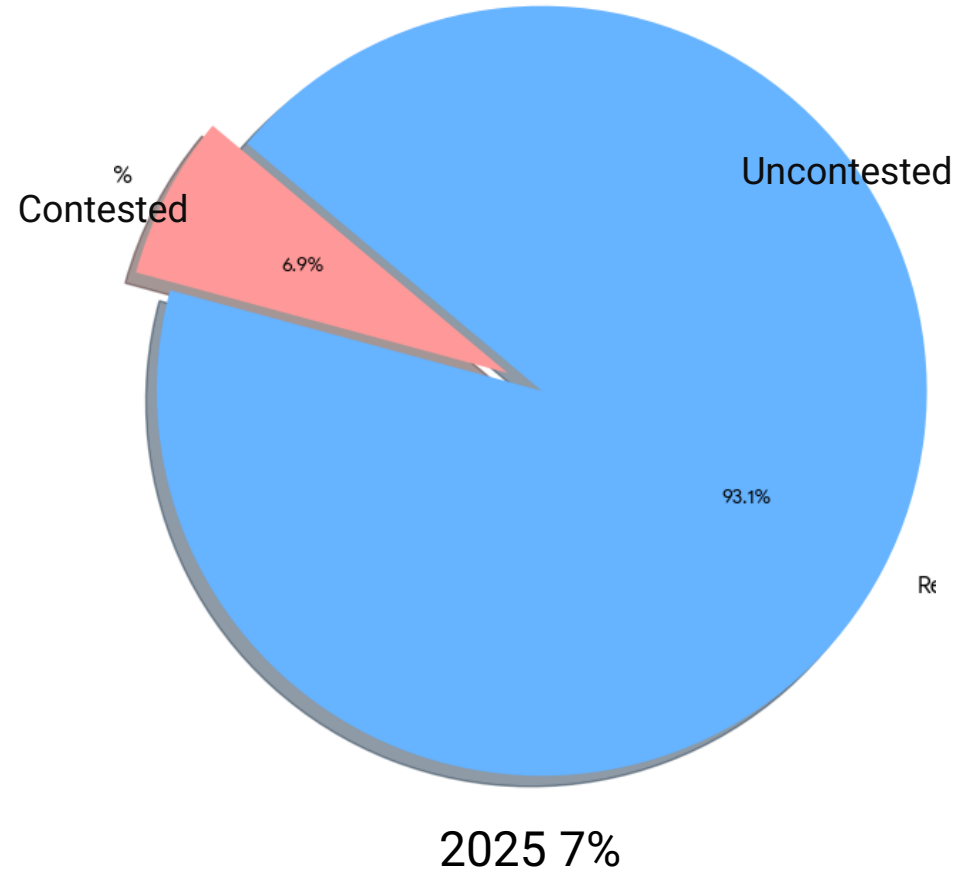
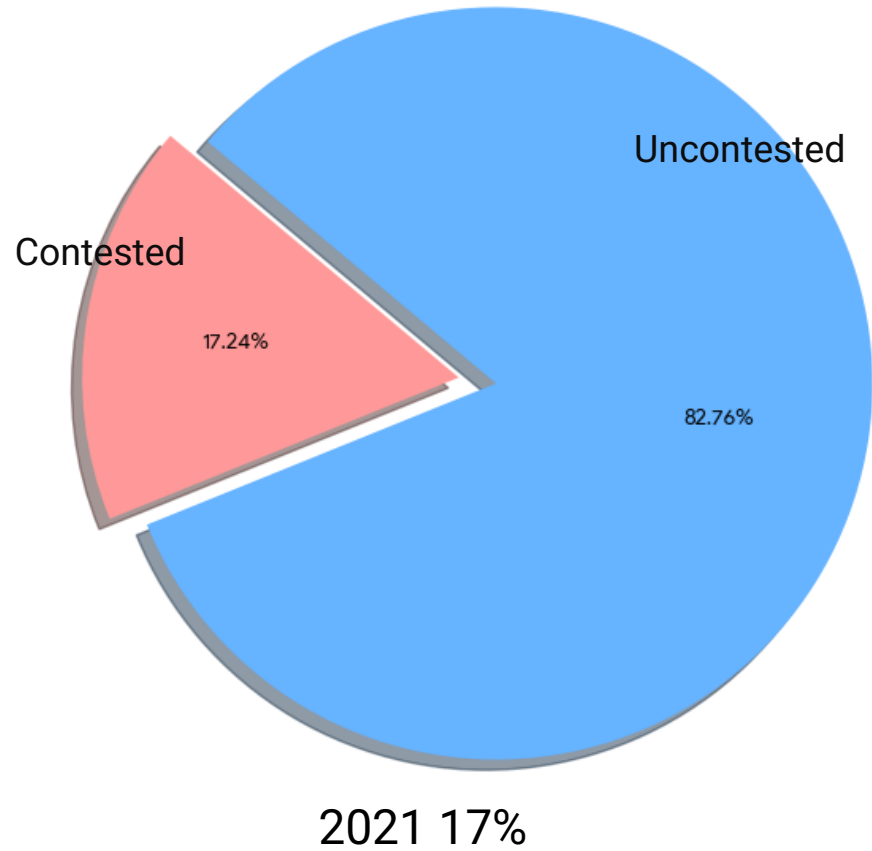


2021 100%



2025 100%

Contested elections? 29 Parishes in South East Cornwall CAP



Why the lower turnout?

Voters say . . .

The "Information Deficit"

- Lack of Candidate Knowledge
- Decline of Local News
- Role Confusion

Logistical and Pragmatic Barriers

- Too Busy
- Voter ID & Registration
- Timing

Why the lower turnout?

Voters say . . .

Political Apathy and 'Efficacy'

- Safe Seats
- Voter Depression/Fatigue
- Referendum Effect

Demographic Trends

- Age Gap
- Renters v Homeowners

What does the electorate think of you?

How much, if anything, would you say you know about

A great deal / fair amount

Not very much / nothing at all

...the work of Members of Parliament in Westminster?

42%
+0

56%
+1

...the work of your local councillors?

35%
+1

64%
+1

...how decisions are taken in your local council?

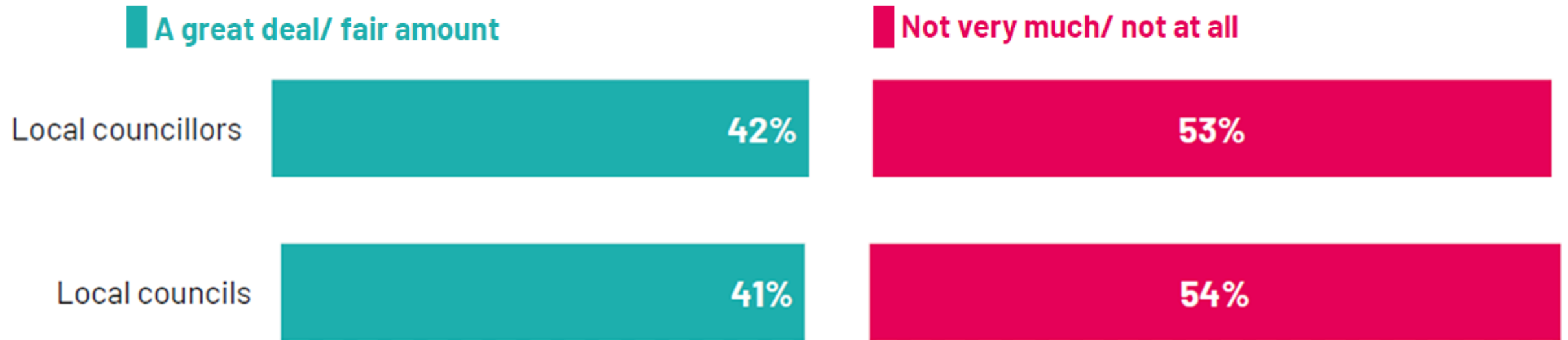
35%
+3

63%
-2

(+ / - changes since 2024)

What does the electorate think of you?

To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following to act in the best interests of the people they represent?



Can you ever do enough to
engage and communicate?

Thank you!



What we offer

Echo offers a wide variety of activities that include individual sessions, group work and the opportunity to work with a range of supportive agencies

All activities are aimed at supporting people's condition to either maintain or re-learn skills

All activities are delivered with fun and enthusiasm and range from exercise, yoga, music, gardening, cooking, craft, quizzes and lots more!

A fully trained team that will support your needs offering an individual approach

“

This is a safe but open environment to be yourself and enjoy the company of other like-minded people, I feel comfortable to talk to staff as they always try to support me and find solutions”



Contact information

Book an appointment to come and have a look around the centre and meet the staff and other clients.

Address:

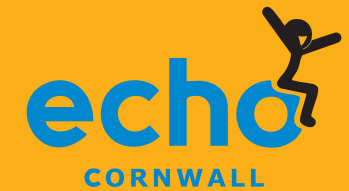
Echo Centre, Barras Place,
Liskeard PL14 6AY

Telephone:

0300 303 2130, option 5
then option 1.

Email:

Echo@corservcare.co.uk



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The Echo Centre is a unique service supporting people with physical disability, brain injury, cognitive impairment and long-term health conditions.

- It enables the opportunity for respite for family or carers
- A purpose-built facility for adults aged between 18+ years
- The centre is open Monday to Friday 9:30am until 3:30pm
- The centre uses equipment that will help or support your condition

“

Staff are friendly and welcoming. I enjoy the social interaction and activities. Without Echo my condition could easily deteriorate quicker”



What we aim to do

- Support, enable and strengthen your skills
- Help improve balance, posture, health and well-being
- Challenge the mind to help develop memory and confidence
- Look at different approaches that are person-centred to break down the barriers and promote independence
- Support physical needs, encouraging healthy eating, exercise and mindfulness.



“

It is nice not to be judged and to be accepted, I am treated as ‘me’ and not a someone with a condition that people often don’t know what to say to me!”

