

To receive Cornwall Council's Planning Protocol Review and Future Engagement Survey and consider any actions.

Report to:

Planning and Licensing Committee

Date of Report:

10 August 2026

Officer Writing the Report:

Planning and General Administrator

Purpose of the report:

To consider submitting a response to the Planning Protocol Review and Future Engagement Survey on behalf of the Town Council.

Officer's Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

1. To note Cornwall Council's presentation on Planning Committee Reform and the draft Member and Local Council Protocols.
2. Confirm whether Members wish to submit a collective response to the Planning Protocol and Future Engagement Survey on behalf of Saltash Town Council.
3. If a collective response is agreed, to delegate authority to the Planning and General Administrator to collate Members comments and submit a response on behalf of the Town Council before the Consultation Deadline on 17 September 2026.

Report Summary

Cornwall Council is undertaking a review of its planning protocols following the introduction of national planning reforms and the new National Scheme of Delegation, which are intended to create clearer responsibilities and faster decision making.

The review includes draft protocols for engagement between Elected Members, parish and town councils, and planning officers, which will help determine how planning matters are managed and how planning applications are referred to Cornwall Council's Planning Committee in the future.

The proposed changes are being introduced nationally through the Planning and Infrastructure Act and associated regulations, which are due to come into force on 31 October 2026.

Whilst Cornwall Council has confirmed that parish and town councils will continue to be consulted on planning applications, the revised protocols will shape how local councils engage with the planning process and work with Cornwall Council on planning matters.

Cornwall Council have launched the Planning Protocol Review and Future Engagement Survey to gather feedback on the draft protocols and future engagement arrangements.

[Planning Protocol Review and Future Engagement Survey](#)

A copy of the survey questions is attached as Appendix A.

A presentation has also been provided explaining the proposed reforms, changes to delegation powers including draft Member and Local Council protocols, the role of Neighbourhood Priorities Statements, and how to provide feedback on the draft protocols and the ways which Cornwall Council engage in the future.

[Presentation - Planning Committee Reform and New Member and Local Council Protocols](#)

The consultation presents an opportunity for Saltash Town Council to provide feedback on arrangements that may affect its future involvement in the planning process. Members are therefore invited to review the presentation and decide whether to submit a collective response for the Town Council.

How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

By reviewing the proposed protocols and considering a formal response, this supports the Town Councils objective of working in partnership with Cornwall Council and key stakeholders to reach the right outcome for Saltash and to continue to strengthen the Town Councils role in the planning process.

Signature of Officer:

Planning and General Administrator