

Report to STC July 2022

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1. Cycling and Walking Safety Scheme

Draft plans to improve safety as well as cycling and walking around St Stephens Primary School and the Broadwalk exit of Saltash Community School were put out for public consultation in June. A wide range of responses was received, and amendments are currently being made to the scheme design to reflect those comments. Cornwall Council has given a commitment to involve local stakeholders, including Saltash Town Council, the two schools, Cross Park Residents' Association and residents of Broadwalk in the next stages of the design process.

2. Community Network Areas

The Cabinet at Cornwall Council has been conducting a review of the Community Network Areas. It has proposed a draft map (attached) that would see the current 19 areas reduced to 10 areas. It would be helpful if Saltash Town councillors could send me an email (as Chair of the Network) with their thoughts on the size and powers of Network. A list of potential roles for the Network Areas is as follows:

Draft list of potential roles: summary

- Question is which ones to develop (based on priority/capacity)?

| Potential roles | Potential roles |
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| Budget: Continue with CN Highways Scheme | Have say on major transport schemes in area |
| Budget: To support Action Plan delivery | Receive better information on and have more influence on local place-based service delivery |
| Budget/ resource to support devolution projects | Have say on significant local issues/service changes |
| CAP Priorities and Action Plans: essential to address strategic outcomes | Set up task & finish groups with partners to progress CAP work (within resource constraints) |
| Overseeing community engagement in area | Improved ability to escalate issues (e.g. to Scrutiny Chair, Cabinet Member, CLT representative) |
| Advising Cabinet on budget priorities | Have say on development of statutory planning policy |
| Evaluating business plan implementation and resource allocation within area | Be engaged on planning briefs; help parishes engage on their NDP development |
| Promoting community capacity building (day to day work carried out by officers) | Ensure effective links with Youth Parliament/local youth forums |
| Commissioning external funding bids (to support CAP work) | Other ideas, for implementing at outset or in time, that emerge from engagement. |

3. Shared Prosperity Fund and 'County Deal'

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have been allocated a total of £132 million over the next three years (April 2022-March 2025), an average yearly allocation of £44 million. Of this, £2.5 million is ringfenced for local delivery of Multiply (an adult numeracy programme).

Cornwall Council's proposals for the County Deal have been allocated to the relevant government departments, and 'deep dives' on each departmental cluster of proposals are scheduled to be held through until the end of August. The departure of Michael Gove MP as the Secretary of State within the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the resignation of Neil O'Brien MP (Minister negotiating Cornwall County Deal) may mean, however, that the timetable will change.

4. Waste Collections

Plans to deliver new waste, recycling and food waste collections across Cornwall next year will be debated at next week's meeting of Cornwall Council. Backbench councillors will receive a briefing tomorrow (Friday 8th) and I'm happy to forward that on to Saltash Town Council, but as far as I understand it the changes to the waste services are designed to improve recycling rates through the separate weekly collection of food waste, encourage more recycling and reduce the amount of rubbish collected.

The changes had been previously agreed, but, with rising costs throughout the construction industry, the project to deliver this new and improved infrastructure now needs more capital funding, and the council will be asked to approve a Cabinet decision to increase the current £62m capital programme to deliver the new collection arrangements for food waste and the increase in recycling. The exact figures cannot be disclosed at this stage due to commercial sensitivities.

The programme of works is significant and will include alterations to the four existing facilities at Bodmin, Connon Bridge (near Liskeard), Launceston and St Erth. In addition, a new waste facility is proposed to be built at Hallenbeagle (Scorrier) to replace the Material Recycling Facility and Refuse Transfer Station at Pool. Personally, I would be keen to see an anaerobic digester built in Cornwall, but as yet I don't know if that is within the proposals.

5. Resurfacing of Fore Street

Resurfacing is going smoothly, and according to schedule.