

Dear Saltash Town Councillors,

You may have heard that Cornwall Council is planning to propose a new Mayor of Cornwall. I am writing to you on behalf of the Let Cornwall Decide campaign to ask you if you would be willing to back a Cornwall-wide call for this huge change to be **decided by the people** of Cornwall, rather than by as few as 44 councillors in a single meeting at County Hall. For more details on this please see www.letcornwalldecide.com.

We are a group of residents and (some) councillors from all party and political backgrounds who want this decision to be made democratically. We have a petition running which could be debated at Cornwall Council. The campaign is being run by ordinary residents who feel strongly about this. It also has the support of a mix of Conservative, Independent, Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors. We know that some Cornwall MPs back a referendum too.

If you agree this is important for the people you represent in Saltash, there are four things you might consider doing:

1. Pass a **motion** calling on Cornwall Council to conduct a referendum (possible model wording attached).
2. Resolve as a council to ask all your **local Cornwall Councillors** if they will let the people decide whether there should be a Mayor.
3. Offer personally (if you wish) to help our **street stalls** in your area.
4. Sign the petition yourself and **share** it on your social media.

POSSIBLE MOTION WORDING

“Saltash Town Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with their own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillors to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation.”

We stress that this is about **who decides** on the change to a Mayor. Backing this campaign does not mean you need to be for or against a Mayor – just that it should be the people’s decision.

Please do ask us for any further information. Thank you for reading!

Very best wishes,

Dick Cliffe

Former Independent Mayor of Penzance and petition signatory

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