

Report to STC October 2022

Cllr. Hilary Frank



1. Shared Prosperity Fund Update

Cornwall Council is keen to encourage applications for SPF funding from South East Cornwall. Funding can be applied for by businesses, community organisations, public bodies and partnerships, but projects need to:

- drive 'good growth'
- create more skilled jobs
- deliver greener and more inclusive work opportunities
- invest in communities and places.

There are four funding categories for projects that continue to be open:

- Strategic Business, Enterprise and Research and Development Infrastructure (£18.7m) – site-specific funding to accelerate workspace and infrastructure projects that will enable business growth.
- Town, Rural and Coastal High Street Development and Skills Programme (£4.4m) – funding for businesses, property owners (public/private/third sector), developers and skills providers in towns, rural and coastal communities and on the Isles of Scilly to regenerate high streets and neighbourhood shopping areas.
- Cultural Events and Talent Programme (£4.4m) – activities to engage communities, promote growth and wider participation and create sustainable jobs by generating more year-round, permanent, higher paid employment, by using our cultural product to reduce the seasonal nature of the tourist sector.
- Culture / Heritage-led Regeneration and Skills (£10.82m) – investment in the creative economy, cultural institutions and heritage buildings and assets that regenerate places and communities, drives pride in place and supports development of skills, sustainability and social mobility.

Advice and support to applicants is being made available through the Good Growth team hosted by Cornwall Council. For enquiries, and to get a copy of the application form required to access funding and support, go to: <https://ciosgoodgrowth.com>

Funding opportunities and support programmes specifically aimed at community level will be launched later this autumn. This includes a Community Capacity and Feasibility programme to provide support for communities to develop solutions to address their levelling up needs and a Community Area Partnership Levelling Programme to deliver projects to drive good growth.

The next three items are issues where things have gone a little quiet so I have pushed for updates:

2. Double Yellow Lines on Station Road

The lines on Station Road have still not been reinstated following the resurfacing works a couple of months ago. I've been informed that there are issues with capacity in the lining company that has been contracted to install the lines. There are similar delays in other places in Saltash and the wider Gateway area, including Glebe Avenue, Barkers Hill and Military Road in Whitsand Bay.

3. St Barnabas

I've enquired about when the engagement work in relation to the future of St Barnabas is likely to recommence. The NHS has responded with: *Despite us having regular conversations across the system about our need and wish to re-start the engagement asap we still do not have an agreed start date from the system.*

4. Traffic schemes on Broadwalk and Long Park Road

The public consultation on the proposals to improve access and safety around St Stephens School and Saltash Community School ended in June, but we have heard nothing since. I wrote to ask for an update and was told that the delay is partly due to a change in times for the loading bay being proposed for the junction of St Stephens Road and Cowdray Terrace. It is a legal requirement for this change to be advertised for a minimum of 21 days. I've been given assurances that once the legal process for this has been completed Cornwall Council will send letters to the residents who submitted their views during the public consultation to evidence how their concerns have been addressed.

So... I will keep 'pestering' about these three items and will update you in my report for the November meeting of Town Council.