

Report to STC November 2022

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1. EV Charging Points

The Drive EV2 Project, financed by the European Regional Development Fund, is funding 150 new charge points in car parks owned by Cornwall Council. Seven of these are in Saltash:

Location	Site	Charger type	Number	Estimated timescale for installation
Saltash	Belle Vue West Car Park	7kW	2	Oct-Dec 22
Saltash	Belle Vue West Car Park	50kW	1	Oct-Dec 22
Saltash	Culver Road Car Park	7kW	3	Jan-Mar 23
Saltash	Culver Road Car Park	50kW	1	Jan-Mar 23

Cornwall Council's public charging points are available via the GeniePoint application, and a detailed map of public and private charging points is available at ZapMap.co.uk.

There is some talk of co-ordinating funding applications from town and parish councils for the installation of further charging points, so if Saltash is interested in collaborating on a joint application, I'd advise getting in touch with Catherine Thomson.

2. Review of Community Network Panels

Further work on the review has helped to clarify the roles that it is proposed will be taken on by the new Panels. There are four Priority Roles that are seen as essential, and then a 'shopping list' of other possible roles. It would be really good to have the input of Saltash Town Councillors on these roles, especially with suggestions as to how a CAP could support Saltash Town Council from a practical point of view.

Please send in your thoughts to Catherine Thomson by 17th November so they can be collated for presentation to the meeting of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 23rd November. From there, the shape of the new Panels will be debated at the Constitution and Governance Committee, then Cabinet then Full Council, with a view to the first CAP meetings being held in May 2023.

Proposed Priority Roles (Seen as essential)

A1. NEW ROLE: To engage on and deliver CAP Area Priorities & Action Plans ("CAP Plans")

- To progress priorities important to our communities
- Evidence-based, bringing together local and Cornwall-wide priorities
- Feed into policy and budget-setting, with escalation process for emerging issues
- Support from: Place Operating Groups, Council Leadership Team
- Resource alignment to agreed priorities: will be analysed, with potential to realign

A2. NEW ROLE: Specific role on two Shared Prosperity Fund programmes to March 2025

- **Community Levelling Up Programme**

- Place-Shaping: town centre improvements, community infrastructure projects, community engagement schemes on local regeneration
- Local Delivery Frameworks
- Approx. £400k devolved per partnership area

- **Community Capacity & Facilitation Fund**

- Developing pipeline of project proposals for larger-scale SPF funding
- £1.2m total devolved budget across the partnership areas

A3. ENHANCED ROLE: Community Engagement

- Engaging communities on CAP Plans (development/progress)
- Advising Council/partners on engagement they want to carry out within areas
- Promoting local community capacity building - overseeing relevant work by Place Operating Groups; working in closer partnership with VCSE

A4. ENHANCED ROLE: Championing and Supporting Town & Parish Councils

- T&PCs place at heart of area partnerships is critical
- Go to PLACE to get support, PLATFORM to share best practice, PATHWAY to progress and seek funding for projects and ideas

A 'shopping list' of additional roles.

B1. NEW ROLE: Oversee and advise on prioritisation of Devolution Programme for their areas, including associated capital funding.

B2. NEW ROLE: External Funding: Seek additional funding to support CAP Plans – activity to be carried out by officers within defined offer

B3. NEW TOOL: Participatory Budgeting/Democracy Ability to use to inform allocation of funding etc.

B4. NEW TOOL: Community Chest: Members would have discretion to align some of this to CAP Plan priorities.

B5. ROLE CLARIFICATION: Cornwall Council Budget: Defined role in being engaged on annual budget process (historically ad hoc).

B6. NEW ROLE: Business Plan & Budget: Assessing, challenging, advising on how Council is implementing its strategies and spending its budget at area level – supports Levelling Up

B7. NEW ROLE: Place-based services: Similar role in relation to service provision. Key Question: Which services do you want to focus on?

B8. ENHANCED/CLARIFIED ROLE: Planning. (i) To be engaged on development of statutory planning policy i.e. Local Plan, (ii) to be engaged on planning briefs of interest across area, (iii) to provide forum for parishes to engage on NDP development [to date, all ad hoc]

B9. NEW ROLE: Children & Young People. Defined engagement role including linking to Cornwall's Annual Conversation between children, young people and council leaders

B10. REINTRODUCED MECHANISM: "Portfolio Holder engagement" Cabinet Members assigned to each CAP (as in pandemic) to strengthen connectivity

B11. ENHANCED/CLARIFIED ROLE: Local issues/service changes: Right to be engaged, at Members' request, where impact on all or significant part of area.

B12. NEW TOOL: Scrutiny referral: Develop mechanism to request Overview & Scrutiny Committees to consider scrutiny when common concerns arise across several CAPs

Previously, Cabinet had proposed 9 new areas. After debate, this has now been increased to 12. I've attached a map showing the proposed areas, but under these arrangements, our existing network would 'merge' with the Liskeard, Looe area. Here is a table showing the details of the 12.

Community Area Partnership	Proposed area comprises (CN=Community Network)	Population	Electoral Divisions	Parishes
A: Areas on which CN Chairs & Vice-Chairs workshop reached consensus				
1. Bude & Camelford	Bude AND Camelford CNs	32029	4.5	29
2. Launceston & Caradon	Launceston AND Caradon CNs	40515	5.5	24
3. Liskeard, Looe & Cornwall Gateway	Liskeard & Looe AND Cornwall Gateway CNs	65832	11	29
4. Bodmin, Wadebridge & Padstow	Bodmin AND Wadebridge & Padstow CNs <i>Question: St Wenn Parish – CAP 4 or 5?</i>	42259 incl. St Wenn	7	22
5. Newquay, St Columb, St Agnes & Perranporth	Newquay & St Columb AND St Agnes & Perranporth CNs <i>Question: St Wenn Parish – CAP 4 or 5?</i>	51281	7.5	10
6. Truro & Roseland	Truro & Roseland CN PLUS St Goran Parish, MINUS Grampound with Creed Parish	47808	8	18
7. Falmouth & Penryn	Falmouth & Penryn CN	47205	7	9
B: Areas where CN Chairs & Vice-Chairs put forward different options – “South Restormel”				
OPTION 1	OPTION 1 was the majority preferred option arising from the CN Chairs Workshop			
8. St Austell Mevagissey St Blazey Fowey & Lostwithiel	St Austell & Mevagissey AND St Blazey Fowey & Lostwithiel CNs <i>MINUS St Goran Parish PLUS Grampound with Creed Parish. Should Luxulyan Parish be in CAP8 or 9?</i>	49749	7.5	18
9. China Clay	China Clay CN <i>Should Luxulyan Parish be in CAP 8 or 9</i>	30508 incl. Luxulyan	4	6
OPTION 2	OPTION 2 was an alternative option arising from the workshop.			
8. St Austell & Mevagissey	St Austell & Mevagissey CN <i>MINUS St Goran Parish PLUS Grampound with Creed Parish</i>	31986	5	8
9. China Clay and St Blazey Fowey & Lostwithiel	China Clay AND St Blazey Fowey & Lostwithiel CNs	48271	6.5	16
B: Areas where CN Chairs/Vice-Chairs put forward options: “West Cornwall and Camborne Pool Illogan & Redruth area”				
OPTION 1				
10. Camborne Pool Illogan Redruth & Mining Villages	Camborne Pool Illogan Redruth & Mining Villages CN	65171	10	10
11. Hayle, Helston & South Kerrier	Helston & South Kerrier CN PLUS Hayle, St Erth and Gwinear-Gwithian Parishes	50718	7.5	21
12. West Penwith & St Ives	West Penwith CN PLUS St Ives and Towednack Parishes	51515	7.5	16
OPTION 2				
10. Camborne Pool Illogan Redruth, Mining Villages and Gwinear-Gwithian	Camborne Pool Illogan Redruth & Mining Villages CN PLUS Gwinear-Gwithian Parish	68858	10.5	11
11. Helston & South Kerrier	Helston & South Kerrier CN	35758	5	18
12. West Penwith, Hayle & St Ives	West Penwith CN AND Hayle & St Ives CN, MINUS Gwinear-Gwithian Parish	62788	9.5	18

3. Cabinet proposes a Budget that will see a 2.99% increase in Council Tax

Documents for the Cabinet meeting to be held on 9th November show that the Cabinet is going to propose a Budget that will see a 2.99% increase in the Cornwall Council portion of Council Tax next year. If approved at the Cabinet meeting, the plans will go out for public consultation and for review by Cornwall Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees before coming back to the Cabinet in the New Year and then to Full Council for final approval.

The final three items are issues 'carried over' from my previous report:

4. Double Yellow Lines on Station Road

I was pleased to receive an email from the Surfacing Team saying they would be reinstating the lines on Station Road on 31st October. But on viewing Station Road, I see that the lines have not been reinstated in full. I've written to ask when they will be returning to finish the job. Hopefully it won't be too long...

5. St Barnabas

No further update since October, when I wrote:

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.*

6. Traffic schemes on Broadwalk and Long Park Road

No further update since October, when I wrote:

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 have written 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.