

# Report to STC July 2023

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## 1. 50 Victoria Road

At long last, we are moving towards a positive outcome at 50 Victoria Road.

The property has been empty for many years, following the death of the owner. Cornwall Council has made persistent and regular attempts to locate the inheritor so that substantial council tax debt can be repaid and the home can be brought back into use. All these efforts proved fruitless, and eventually Cornwall Council was granted a Court Order, giving the inheritor 21 days to make contact and repay significant council tax debt or else be deemed to have given up possession. No contact or payment was made by 16.00 on the 13.3.23 and Cornwall Council took responsibility for the property from that date.

Cornwall Council's Empty Homes Team has conducted a full inventory and the property will soon be put on the market. Any proceedings after the Council Tax has been paid will be held by Cornwall Council for any owner who subsequently makes themselves known.

This has set a precedent for other similar properties in Cornwall.

## 2. Resurfacing of Alexandra Square Car Park

CORMAC have been to site and carried out the necessary surveying work. The resurfacing is currently in the design phase and a review is being carried out of the white lining to ensure the space is being used as efficiently as possible and meets design regulations.

The layout designs are expected by the end of next week for approval. The works can then go to detailed pricing, and once prices are accepted it'll go in to the CORMAC work programme to provide construction dates.

## 3. EV Points in Culver Road Car Park

Installation of the EV charging points has now been completed in Culver Road. Cornwall Council is chasing EDF for a meter date, but is hoping that the charge points will be ready by the end of July. On behalf of several residents, I've enquired whether parking is permissible there until the charging points go live. I've been advised that: "Any site that is not live and does not have the required signage will be unenforceable until all relevant signs are in place. Whilst I wouldn't advise parking in these bays, no PCNs could be issued."

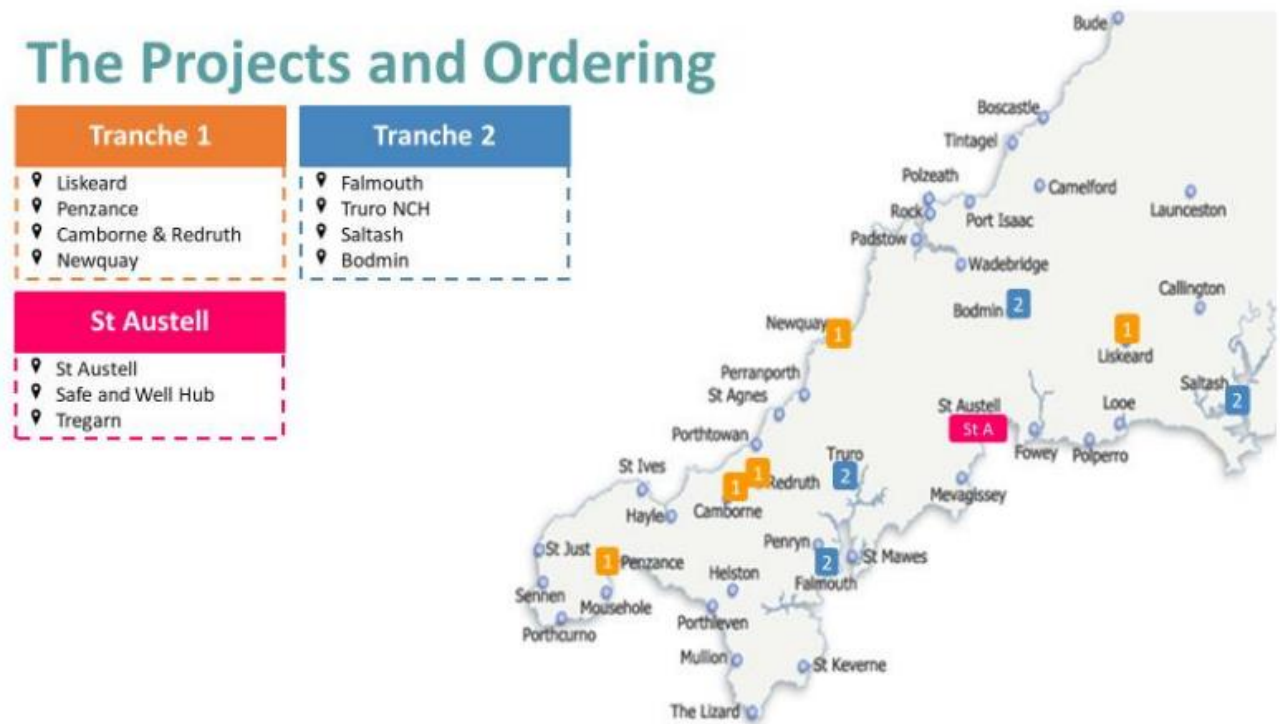
## 4. Walking and Cycling – Phase 2

Roadworks have started on Phase 2 of the Cycling and Walking Improvement Works, designed to make it easier for residents and visitors to enjoy Saltash on their bikes and on foot, and to ease congestion around St Stephens Primary School and the Broadwalk exit of Saltash Community School. I've attached the design documents.

## 5. Investment in Leisure Centre

An Extraordinary Meeting of Cornwall Council's Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June to review the 'Estates Transformation Programme', which is a programme looking to transform Cornwall Council's operational estate to one that is fit for purpose to support future service delivery as well as being financially and environmentally sustainable.

There are nine sites. Saltash is in Tranche 2:



Projects include a new build at the cattle market in Liskeard and refurbishment of St John's Hall in Penzance. In Saltash, the proposal is that Cornwall Council will invest £1.88 million in a partial refurbishment of the Leisure Centre. Here is an extract from the documents presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:



Partial refurbishment of Saltash Leisure Centre to support viability of leisure centre operations and create an Integrated Services Hub. On hold pending agreement with leisure centre operator (GLL) re their intentions and maintenance programme.

**We are saving...**  
 £5k pa in operational costs (revenue)  
 £29k in backlog maintenance liability removed

**We are investing...**  
 £1.88 m into this hub, including new innovative technology, collaboration spaces and touchdown areas.

**We are reducing our carbon footprint...**  
 by 14tCO<sub>2</sub> pa<sup>1</sup>

**We are providing...**  
 Core spaces for service delivery with spaces for teams to come together and collaborate

Schedule of Accommodation

Service	Current Location	Proposed Location
Offices	No provision	Saltash ISH
Registrars	TBC	Saltash ISH
Safe & Well	No provision	Saltash ISH

Of the nine sites, Saltash is the only one that does not have a projected opening date. It is also the only project where money is being invested in a Leisure Centre. We have been advised that the delay is due to the extra time necessary to understand GLL's involvement, but we have been given assurances that the project has the backing of GLL, who is apparently hoping to use this model as a case study in how joint management of a leisure facility can benefit all stakeholders.

The full report can be found here: [Operational Estate Transformation Programme Update June 2023 - Additional Information requested by C.pdf \(cornwall.gov.uk\)](#)