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Dear Mr Sweetzer-Sturt

I am writing to request a meeting in Saltash with Saltash Town Councillors and Cornwall Councillors, regarding the future of Adult Education provision in Saltash and to request fair and accessible provision.

Adults in Saltash currently have access to a very limited number of courses in the town, despite being the largest town in Cornwall east of St Austell with a population of almost 20,000. Other options for adults in Saltash involve significant effort, both in terms of time and costs to travel to other locations. Other towns in Cornwall, many with smaller populations, appear to have much better provision locally and it therefore seems unfair that people in Saltash do not have the same level of access to educational opportunities. Fair access is also not just about time and cost, for some it involves confidence to travel, or ability to confidently use public transport or find 'a lift'. A high-quality provision in the heart of the town providing a broad-reaching educational offer should be the common goal we all work together to achieve.

Given that Cornwall Council have now agreed a Level 2 Devolution deal that includes devolved powers and funding around Adult Education in Cornwall we strongly believe this is the time to meet and discuss future equitable provision for adults in Saltash.

I look forward to hearing from you with your availability for us to meet to discuss this further.

Your sincerely

Councillor Richard Bickford  
Mayor of Saltash 2023 - 24



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