



# ONECORNWALL

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### DATES OF ONE CORNWALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**One Cornwall Joint Scrutiny Committee**

**Monday 20 October 2008 at 2.00 pm** to be held at **North Cornwall District Council offices, Camelford**

**One Cornwall Implementation Executive**

**Friday 24 October 2008 at 10 am** to be held in the **Trelawney Room, New County Hall, Truro**

Agenda papers can be viewed on the One Cornwall website 5 clear working days before the date of the meeting.

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## Chief Executive for New Unitary Council Announced

The Implementation Executive has announced that they have appointed the new Chief Executive for Cornwall Council, Mr Kevin Lavery.

Before applying for this position Kevin Lavery has held senior management posts offering both commercial and public sector experience. He was the youngest Chief Executive in the country when he was appointed to Newcastle City Council in 1997.

Kevin Lavery said: "I am inspired by the uniqueness of Cornwall and the opportunities a unitary council will bring. Cornwall Council will really make a difference – maximising efficiencies and minimising costs for the taxpayer."

## Active Partnering (A Model for Joint Service Delivery)

The Implementation Executive agreed at its recent meeting (18 September) to the Active Partnering framework which forms the basis of the service delivery partnership arrangements between the unitary authority and parish and town councils.

Active Partnering articulates the principle that parish and town councils can work in partnership with the new authority at various levels of engagement taking account of differing levels of capacity and ambition.

The framework allows various levels of involvement for local councils in service delivery (outlined below) and describes the process when entering into any Active Partnering agreement.

<b>Formal service monitoring</b>	Formal monitoring process whereby local councils can scrutinise and feedback on local service delivery.
<b>Joint contact re-write</b>	Formal process whereby respective local councils and unitary authority negotiate terms of service contract.
<b>Local service priority setting</b>	Direct local council involvement in service priority setting through agreed mechanisms that will be regularly reviewed.
<b>Joint service delivery</b>	Services delivered in partnership.
<b>Devolved service delivery</b>	Complete devolution of service to local council where appropriate (business plan required).

**What happens now?** The Implementation Executive agreed that a series of pilots aimed at testing the principles of the Active Partnering framework be undertaken prior to April 2009. The Parish Team will be working closely with Parish and Town Councils and Service Heads from both County and District Councils in progressing these.

# Community Network Managers

**In order to assist in the development of Community Networks and in the development of many of the countywide operational functions, policies and procedures the first phase of Community Network Managers are to be appointed.**

Discussions with local Members and interested parties identified the following areas where we hope to commence this activity now:

Bodmin, Bude, Camelford, Clay Country, Falmouth and Penryn, Hayle and St Ives, Helston and the Lizard, Launceston and Newquay.

This first phase will see up to four Community Network Managers appointed and in post by the end of the year.

For further information on this, please view the agenda paper on the One Cornwall website.  
[www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42436](http://www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42436)

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## Electoral Review Update

**It is virtually certain that the Electoral Review will not be completed in time for implementation in May or June.**

**What does this mean?**

In practical terms, therefore, it seems that the only way the new council could start with 123 councillors is if the elections are delayed till the autumn. This would require a statutory order from the Secretary of State. Although this is not the ideal solution, there was strong agreement from members of the Implementation Executive that if it is not possible to have elections for 123 councillors in May or June, it would be better to postpone elections for a short time than start the new council with only 82 members.

**What happens now?**

The Chair of the Implementation Executive will be writing to the District and Borough Councils urging them to give cross-party and cross-Cornwall support for this position.

## Training and Developmental Needs

You will be pleased to hear that there has been a significant number of responses to the "Understanding Parish and Town Council Needs for a Sustainable Cornwall" questionnaire.

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If you have yet to respond please do so. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Team.

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## Planning Governance Arrangements

**The Implementation Executive agreed a series of proposals about how planning will operate in future.**

A report to the Implementation Executive meeting on the 18 September covered aspects such as delegation, enforcement, public speaking at meetings, advertisement of planning applications and how local members will be notified of applications in their Community Network. In the new council there will be one strategic planning committee with 3 area planning sub-committees. The Implementation Executive also decided to ask the new council to review these decisions at an early stage.

The full paper on planning governance can be viewed on the One Cornwall website.  
[www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42436](http://www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42436)

## U-Choose for Cornwall (Participatory Budgeting)

**As advised in earlier newsletters Cornwall is the first rural area to pilot this scheme nationally. Basically, this scheme means that people will apply for grants in the normal way but it will be up to the community to decide which projects are awarded grants.**

This initiative has been further endorsed by members of the Implementation Executive at a joint meeting of the Localism and Finance and Performance Sub-Groups. Community Networks will play an integral role in administering this initiative in future.

Four pilots have been identified as follows:-

**Bodmin  
Redruth North  
Pengegon, Gwelmor and Parc and Tansys  
Penzance**

Further updates and information on U-Choose for Cornwall can be viewed on the One Cornwall website at  
[www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=44285](http://www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=44285)

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