



# ONECORNWALL

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## ISSUE 14

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### DATES OF ONE CORNWALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**One Cornwall Joint Scrutiny Committee**  
**Monday 8 December 2008**  
 at 2.00 pm to be held at Restormel Borough Council offices, St Austell

**One Cornwall Implementation Executive**  
**Friday 12 December 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.

### CONTACT

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## Parish Council Elections

Parish and Town Councils will recall the parish election consultation during May/June 2008. The Implementation Executive supported the majority of views put forward by parish and town councils and recommended to Government that parish elections be deferred until 2013, as outlined in the County Structural Change Orders.

Government has now written to the County Council's Chief Executive to advise that on the basis of the representations received from a range of local government stakeholders, whose responses indicated that there was no appetite for holding further parish elections in 2009 in any of the county areas affected by restructuring, Government will not be seeking to bring forward any amended Orders. Therefore, parish elections will take place in 2013.

A copy of the Ministerial Statement on this matter can be viewed on the Houses of Parliament website or via the following link [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmtoday/cmwwms/archive/081028.htm#hddr%202](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmtoday/cmwwms/archive/081028.htm#hddr%202)

## Cornwall Electoral Review Update

It was originally envisaged that the Boundary Committee for England (BCE) would be publishing its draft scheme for the proposed unitary authority electoral divisions in Cornwall by the middle of November however publication has been delayed until Tuesday 2 December.

It was also anticipated that there would be a 12 week consultation on the draft scheme but in an effort to complete and implement the review in time to enable elections to take place at the end of October 2009, that period has been reduced to 10 weeks. Consultation will therefore conclude on Monday 9 February 2009. (NB: No formal decision has been taken on when unitary elections in Cornwall will take place).

Six events are to be arranged in order to give parish and town councils an opportunity to participate in this consultation process. Invitation letters will be sent to all parish and town councils soon, and we would strongly advise that you send along representatives to ensure that your council's views are heard. It is likely that these events will take place between Wednesday 10 and Friday 19 December and will follow the format below.

<b>To commence at 5.30 pm</b>	Informal drop-in session where parish and town councils can speak with One Cornwall officers regarding the unitary council and the localism agenda, which includes one-stop-shops and community networks.
<b>To commence at 7.00 pm</b>	Formal presentation on the BCE's draft scheme in relation to the Cornwall Electoral Review ( <i>Please note: Any questions relating to One Cornwall should have been dealt with at the earlier session</i> ).
<b>8.00/8.30 pm</b>	Event to finish.

# First Phase of Network Managers Appointed

**To help lead the development and establishment of the 20 community networks in Cornwall 5 Network Managers have been appointed.**

The successful applicants are from the existing councils. Those appointed to these new positions are:-

<b>Martin Eddy</b>	<b>Caradon District Council</b>
<b>Mark James</b>	<b>Kerrier District Council</b>
<b>Sally Newby</b>	<b>Penwith District Council</b>
<b>Helen Nicholson</b>	<b>Cornwall County Council</b>
<b>Sarah Sims</b>	<b>Cornwall County Council</b>

Later in the year recruitment will take place for more Community Network Managers and in the New Year areas will be allocated to specific managers as the networks become established.

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## Localism Charter Update

**During the month of July representatives from parish and town councils attended a number of events specifically targeted at welcoming their views/comments on the draft Localism Charter.**

Meetings were also undertaken with individual councils on this matter which resulted in a further draft of the Charter being written to reflect these views. Parish and town councils will be contacted again over the coming weeks to receive a revised version in order to undertake a further consultation on the Localism Charter. It is intended that the Localism Charter will be formally agreed by the One Cornwall Implementation Executive in the New Year.

If you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Sally Lewis (Parish Liaison Officer) ([slewis@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:slewis@cornwall.gov.uk))

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## Unified Council's Savings Increased

**Savings of over £83 million over four years have been identified by the team implementing the new Unified Council for Cornwall.**

Since the original bid for a Unitary Council was written, further work has been carried out

regarding the potential savings and cost. These savings will be made over a period of four years and be mainly within services such as procurement, finance, human resources and information communications technology. After the four years the council will save a further £29.5 million year on year.

The Implementation Executive agreed to use these new ambitious savings targets as the basis of design for the new unitary authority.

The benefits and costs of the bid proposals will be reported at regular public meetings and published on the One Cornwall website:

[www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk)

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## Active Partnering Pilots

**All parish and town councils will soon be contacted seeking their formal interest in being involved in a series of pilot schemes in order to test the principles of the Active Partnering Framework (a model for joint service delivery).**

You may have already expressed an interest but it is important that all local councils are made aware of the pilot scheme at this point.

The criteria that will be used will include obtaining a good geographical spread, a range of services and ensuring that both town and parish councils are involved. Capacity issues may also dictate where pilots can be run. Furthermore it should be noted that it will only be possible to handle a small number of pilots initially in order to run a successful scheme (around 20 to 25 schemes). The list of services to be piloted will be taken from those identified in the Active Partnering framework.

Piloting is the first step. Do not worry if you feel your council is not in a position to progress a pilot scheme now. There will be further opportunities in the future.

The full paper on this matter can be viewed on the One Cornwall website under Meeting Papers, Implementation Executive, 18 September meeting.

### PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL ONE CORNWALL COMMUNICATIONS

If you consider there are ways we can improve upon our communications with you then please let us know by contacting the Parish Liaison Team. We welcome any views or comments you may have.