

ONECORNWALL

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PARISH ELECTION CONSULTATION

The Implementation Executive considered this consultation at its meeting on the 23rd June after taking into consideration the views expressed by parish and town councils.

It decided to support the majority of views put forward by parish and town councils being Option 4, elections in 2013 (102 views received in total, 78 supporting Option 4).

CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL SIZE

Don't forget the closing date for the Boundary Committee for England's consultation on council size – the number of councillors appropriate for the new authority. This consultation started on the 5 June 2008 and will end on the 18 July 2008. Please forward your comments to: -

The Boundary Committee for England, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 2HW or by email to reviews@boundarycommittee.org.uk

A Special Meeting of the Implementation Executive will be held on **Friday 11 July** at **2 pm** in the **Trelawney Room, New County Hall, Truro** to respond to this consultation.

PUBLIC ROADSHOWS

Further public roadshows have been organised as follows: -

28 June	Saltash Regatta
5 July	Bodmin Riding Street Fair
12 July	Liskeard Show
14 July	Stithians Show
10 August	Tregony Heavy Horse Show

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

This new government initiative was explained in the April edition of the newsletter. Cornwall is the first rural area to try out this scheme that lets local people vote on how to spend public money.

Steven Ford (Senior Parish Liaison Officer from the One Cornwall Team) explains: - "Under this trial scheme which we are running in the Bodmin area, people will apply for grants in the normal way but it will be up to the community rather than the council to decide which projects are awarded grants."

The first rural pilot is to be held in the proposed Bodmin Community Network Area on **Saturday 25 October 2008** at the **Bodmin Shire House Suite**.

Application forms and details of the eligibility criteria for the scheme can be found on the One Cornwall website www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk or by contacting Steven Ford on 01872 322283.

ONE CORNWALL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Will next be meeting on **Monday 28 July 2008** at **2 pm** to be held at **Kerrier District Council offices Camborne (Dolcoath Avenue)**. These meetings are open to the public with agenda, reports and minutes being made available on the One Cornwall website at www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk

C O N T A C T

If you have any queries to raise or questions to ask please contact the Parish Liaison Team (01872 322127/Room 225, New County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY) or submit a question by email to onecornwall@cornwall.gov.uk

For further information about One Cornwall please visit the website at www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk

ONE CORNWALL IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE

Amongst the items the Implementation Executive debated on the 23 June 2008 was the new Council's corporate identity (logo shown on the right hand side).

Based on the shield from Cornwall's ceremonial crest, the new logo is inspiring and dynamic, bringing a contemporary modern feel to the best of Cornish tradition. The Chairman advised that the traditional crest with miner, fisherman and chough will not be lost – it will still be used by the new council for ceremonial purposes and to represent Cornwall.



The next ordinary meeting of the Implementation Executive is due to take place at **10 am on Thursday 31 July 2008** in **Trelawney Room, New County Hall, Truro**. These meetings are open to the public with agenda, reports and minutes being made available on the One Cornwall website at <http://www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42436>

TIMELINE IN BRIEF

SUMMER 2008	AUTUMN 2008	WINTER 2008/09	SPRING 2009	BY APRIL 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations for one-stop-shops identified in main towns • Name and new logo for council agreed • Councillors agree priorities for reorganisation to make services more effective and achieve savings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit out and preparation of one-stop-shops starts • Annual electoral canvass • Government confirms the number of councillors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Networks up and running in some areas • Campaign to encourage more people to stand for election in new council • Detailed plans are in place to ensure that all services run smoothly during transition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact centres to deal with telephone and email enquiries set up • New council starts on 1 April 2009 • 22 one-stop-shops open for business • Services continue as normal • Elections in May or June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation and improvement of services continues • Community Access Points and mobile services are operational • The costs of reorganisation are paid back through the savings achieved • Ongoing savings of at least £17 million a year from now on

POST OFFICE CONSULTATION

Appended to this newsletter is a Post Office consultation notice concerning the proposed closure of some branches across Cornwall as part of the national Network Change Programme. The proposed closures will be announced on the 15 July with a local public consultation period ending on the 1 September.

This is a Post Office consultation, however the County Council would welcome a copy of your reply to inform any county-wide response that maybe put forward by the County Council.

Further details and contact information can be found in the appended paper.





Post Office closures:

On 15th July the Post Office will name branches proposed for closure across Cornwall as part of the national Network Change Programme. The number of closures is likely to reach around 30 (there are currently approximately 200 branches in the county), be evenly distributed, and reflect Post Office analysis of a number of factors including:

- Proximity of the branch to other nearby branches;
- The number of customers currently using the branch;
- The size and ability of nearby branches to absorb extra customers;
- The commercial implications of the closure for the Post Office.

In addition, surrounding obstacles such as rivers, valleys and main roads should be considered as well as public transport, other local alternative services, local demographics and impact of a closure on the local economy.

Following the announcement on the 15th July, there will be a local **public consultation period ending on 1st September**. During the consultation period members of the public are invited to make comments to the Post Office and it would also be helpful for the County Council to have a copy of any responses to inform any county-wide response that may be put forward. Please see contact details below:

Post Office:

Postal address: National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd, FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM.

Email: consultation@postoffice.co.uk. Phone: 08457 22 33 44.

Cornwall County Council:

Postal address: Post Office Closure Consultation, Chief Executive's Department, Cornwall County Council, Truro, TR1 3AY.

Email: communityconsultation@cornwall.gov.uk.

It is recommended that feedback to the Post Office on the following issues would be particularly constructive:

- Physical barriers to accessing alternative Post Offices branches following a closure;
- The impact a proposed closure will have on other nearby businesses;
- Any complications with transport issues that may not yet have been identified.

Parish and town councils, and other community organisations, may wish to provisionally book a local meeting of their members for a date during the consultation period in case they wish to discuss the proposed closures once they are announced.

For further information, and supporting documents for other areas where the consultation has already taken place, visit the Post Office website: www.postoffice.co.uk (under news).