



ONECORNWALL

Town & Parish Council Newsletter End of July 2008

ISSUE 11

IN THIS ISSUE...

- **Implementation Executive Feedback – 11 July**
 - *Consultation on Council Size*
 - *Community Networks-key principles agreed*
 - *Governance Arrangements*
- **Localism Charter Update**
- **Pilot Schemes**
- **Training and Developmental Needs**
- **One Cornwall Committee Meeting Dates**
- **Communities in Control White Paper**

CONTACT

If you have any queries to raise or questions to ask please contact:

Parish Liaison Team

Telephone 01872 322137

Room 111
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

Implementation Executive Feedback

Response to Council Size Consultation

The Implementation Executive considered the Boundary Committee for England's consultation at a special meeting on the 11 July 2008.

It resolved to put forward a scheme of electoral divisions for a council size of 123. A copy of this scheme has been sent to all parish and town councils.

This scheme took account of various criteria which included the political management and governance of the new council, electoral equality, parish boundaries, urban and rural areas, polling districts and community network area boundaries.

Any queries relating to the Electoral Review please contact either Richard Williams (01872 322120) or Malcolm Brown (01872 322621) or email rawilliams@cornwall.gov.uk or mbrown@cornwall.gov.uk

Community Networks

Some key principles were agreed by the Implementation Executive on the 11 July relating to governance arrangements for community networks, these were:-

- There should be 20 community networks with any minor amendments to boundaries subject only to the continuing process and outcome of the Cornwall Electoral Review.
- The governance of community networks should be developed based on the principle of a "community network panel" comprising representation from Parish and Town Councils and other sectors. In essence this would be a joint committee.
- Options will be further developed to ensure appropriate voting rights for Parish and Town Councils and other representatives on community network panels.
- The minimum number of unitary councillor members on each community network panel is four. In exceptional circumstances this could be reduced to three.

Details on the key principles above which can be viewed on the One Cornwall website at

<http://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=171&MI=578&Ver=4>

Governance Arrangements

The Implementation Executive on the 11 July also considered the political management arrangements for the new council.

Areas of interest included: - The formation of Executive arrangements with the composition being that of 7 members. Namely – the Leader, a Deputy Leader and five Portfolio-Holders i.e. Corporate Services and Performance, Children and Young People, Healthier Communities and Older People, Safer, Stronger and Sustainable Communities and Economy and Enterprise (including Planning).

With regards to non-Executive management arrangements this included details on governance for overview and scrutiny, the Standards Committee, Audit Committee, Licensing (and related regulatory functions) and Planning (Development Control).

Of the latter further proposals would be developed relating to its governance most especially around policy, committee and decision making arrangements. However, a working structure was agreed in principle in that there would be one county-wide Strategic Planning Committee. Three Development Control Area Sub-Committees which would be based upon the three services delivery areas, would meet on a three weekly cycle and comprise of up to 15 councillors.

Further details on this matter can be viewed on the One Cornwall website at

<http://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=171&Mid=578&Ver=4>

Localism Charter Update

Thank you to all the Town and Parish Councillors and Clerks who have given their time over the past weeks to take part in the consultations on the Localism Charter.

Please feel free to continue to pass on your thoughts and suggestions in the future. Early in August work will start on incorporating your ideas and developing the Charter and it is anticipated that a fuller version will be available for consultation in the autumn.

You can find the discussion document on the One Cornwall website. For more information please contact Sally Lewis by telephone 07973 497432 or email slewis@cornwall.gov.uk

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.

Pilot Schemes

The Parish Liaison Team is currently in the process of finalising several pilots involving parish councils, including a community outreach pilot in Feock that will provide an additional information resource for local residents on principal council services, and a parish lengthsmen scheme (location yet to be decided) that will involve a 'man with a van' carrying out small scale maintenance duties. You will be kept informed of the progress of these pilots and any other initiatives that the Parish Liaison Team get underway within the coming months, including moves towards the establishment of community network areas in different locations throughout the county (locations yet to be decided).

One Cornwall Committee Meeting Dates

One Cornwall Implementation Executive will next meet on **Thursday 31 July** to commence at **9.30 am** and be held in the **Trelawney Room, New County Hall, Truro.**

One Cornwall Scrutiny Committee will next meet on **Monday 15 September** to commence at **2 pm** and be held at **Penwith District Council offices, Penzance (St Clare).**

Agenda papers can be viewed 5 clear working days before the date of the meeting at

www.onecornwall.cornwall.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=42460

Training and Developmental Needs

All Parish and Town Councillors and Clerks should have received a survey "Understanding Parish and Town Council Needs for a Sustainable Cornwall". If you have yet to receive a copy please contact the Parish Liaison Team.

Communities in Control

On the 9 July Government published the "Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power" White Paper.

It addresses how people can use existing and new tools in order to have greater power, influence and control.

This White Paper looks at who has power, on whose behalf it is exercised, how it is held to account and how it can be accessed by everyone in local communities. Please visit the Communities for Local Government website (link below) to access more information: -

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/communitiesincontrol