

# ONECORNWALL

## **Parish and Town Council Communication**

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This is the third in a regular series of newsletters produced by officers of the One Cornwall team to keep parish and town councils up to date with the transition to a unified council. We would welcome any feedback from you on this newsletter and any ways in which you think it might be improved.

### **Parish Survey**

All parish and town councils should now have received a survey document asking them to put forward their views on the devolvement of responsibilities to parish and town councils and their relationship with the new authority. This survey also asks for views on the role of the community network areas and includes many other issues that were raised during the previous round of consultation. The results of this survey will inform the proposed 'menu of services' as well as providing a better overview of how we can best develop the opportunities that are available. If you have not received the survey please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

### **Parish consultation**

Even though the formal consultation phase is now complete, we are continuing to visit parish and town councils on an individual basis when requested. This has been and continues to be a very informative and useful process that provides a forum for more detailed discussions to take place.

### **Programme Development Team**

Further appointments have been made to the Programme Development Team which is now coming up to strength.

Most of the roles are full time secondments for the next two years but there will now be another round of part-time appointments involving many more staff from the County and District Councils.

The first appointments are currently being made and will be circulated shortly, and this will include the formation of a ***parish liaison team***.

## **Interim Joint Committee**

The first meeting of the Interim Joint Committee took place on 2 November 2007 following the agreement on membership. The members are:-

### **12 County Councillors:**

Miss P S Angove, E Brooke, N H Burden, J H Currie, A Egerton DBE, B J Higman, Ms A M Kerridge, Mrs P A Lyne, M J Moyle, A R Paynter, B D Preston and D Whalley.

### **12 District Councillors:**

S J Chamberlain, M L Clayton, Mrs J Comber, G Facks-Martin MBE, A H Francis, Mrs K A Garner, F D P Greenslade, R Harding, G P Hicks, T Jones, Mrs J Tanner and J Wood.

Matters discussed at this first meeting were the Terms of Reference and operation prior to the expected statutory Joint Committee (which will be known as the "Implementation Executive") in the New Year and agreeing a series of dates for meetings on 5 December 2007, 17 January 2008, 8 February 2008 and 12 March 2008.

The Joint Committee confirmed David Whalley, Leader of Cornwall County Council as Chairman, the Committee also addressed the issue of a Vice-Chairman, supporting the appointment of Fred Greenslade.

## **Scrutiny Arrangements**

A meeting has taken place with representatives of all seven councils to consider how the new Joint Committee might best be scrutinised and reports are being considered by the seven Councils suggesting a Joint Scrutiny Committee of 24 Members with 12 from the County Council and 12 from the District Councils. This was agreed at the full County Council on 20 November 2007. The terms of reference and chair for the meeting will be agreed by the Committee itself.

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