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To All Members –

We would like to draw your attention to a number of [news items](#) that may be of interest for members.

1. Attached is a pdf of the presentation slides for the Teams meeting, which was presented by Sarah Mason, on Tuesday 21 January 2025, for the Q & A session on the **governments consultation on Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England**,

A gentle reminder that the consultation ends on 26 February 2025 - [Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)

Any members of CALC who want to comment or provide information in support of our response should email these to enquiries@cornwallalc.org.uk by **12 February 2025**.

NALC has also published the following standard sector survey to help inform its response and if you would like to respond please complete by **23:45 on 2 February 2025**:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=XI10-kGBhESEUZ2oBPD-MXcDGgACcfVLo9lsczFoTXpUQjhJR1VOVVRIV1EyVzZHMk9SNFNCOUMwTCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl>

2. Please see the attached **Election Timetable** document - we will also circulate an **Election Guidance document** to all members in due course, please keep an eye out for this information.

3. Mark Williams, clerk to Falmouth Town Council would like to invite your council to the following:

Karen Hall, Falmouth TC Environmental Projects Officer, has liaised with her equivalents at Camborne, Redruth and Truro to share her journey at the council and to discuss various aspects of the environmental activity that we all share. After these meetings, Truro City Council have set up a platform where we can all share different aspects of how we are getting on with achieving our Zero Carbon objectives. Current members are Truro, Redruth, Camborne, Saltash, Penzance, Bude, Camelford, Torpoint, Wadebridge and Falmouth.

Karen invites other town and parish councils to contact her to get added to the group discussions if it is helpful for them.

Please contact Karen directly at karenhall@falmouthtowncouncil.com

4. Shared Prosperity Fund Community Grants

Cornwall Council is preparing (subject to contract and approvals) to launch further opportunities for local councils and community organisations to bid for grants from the Community Levelling Up Programme and the Community Capacity Fund.

Calls for new projects to apply for community grants in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly are anticipated to be launched the week commencing 3 February. **Town and parish councils and community organisations are encouraged to sign up to the [Good Growth](#) newsletter for the latest information.**

Town and parish councils and community organisations will be able to bid for funding under these programmes for the 2025/26 financial year with delivery to be complete by December 2025 and final claims paid by March 2026. This round of funding is part of the year 4 allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The Good Growth Programme has made significant and impactful investments in the development, facilitation and delivery of community-led projects across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly during the initial 2022-2025 Shared Prosperity Fund period. Visit the [Good Growth website](#) for the full list of projects that have been supported.

5. Public Rights of Way Update

There's a new email address for enquiries to Cornwall Council's Public Rights of Way team (formerly the Countryside Access team): PROW@cornwall.gov.uk

This can be used for all enquiries about:

- Public Rights of Way
- Obstructions
- Public Path Orders
- Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMO)
- Commons or village greens

6. *Your Safety Your Say* survey by *Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner*

The Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner's Office would like your views on the future of your community and please complete the survey here: [Have Your Say Today - - Devon And Cornwall Police And Crime Commissioner's Office](#)

7. On 18 December 2024, MHCLG published the [Local audit reform – a strategy for overhauling the local audit system in England - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space](#) committing to a series of measures to help fix the local audit system. This includes the establishment of a statutory and independent Local Audit Office (LAO), with five strategic responsibilities – coordinating the system, contract management, ownership of the Code of Audit Practice, quality oversight and reporting.

The government is also consulting on a number of specific proposals as part of this strategy, including:

- potential additional functions of the new LAO
- simplifying financial reporting requirements to ensure they are proportionate.
- improvements to enhance capacity and capability in the local audit sector, such as the introduction of public provision.
- strengthening the relationship between local bodies and their auditor
- reforming the audit regime.

The consultation closes on 29 January 2025.

8. Cornwall Council has produced a new **Briefing Note** to help **Neighbourhood Planning groups** to understand what recent changes to national planning guidance might mean for their Neighbourhood Plan and how it impacts how the plans will be used.

The briefing note may be found on the Cornwall Council Planning and Housing Service website at [Briefing note for NDP Groups \(NPPF\)](#).

In addition, **Cornwall Council Planning department**, we will be providing an update on planning changes as part of the Local Council planning training on **29 January 4.00-5.15 pm**. The programme will include:

- Welcome - Chris Daly, Strategic Sites and Training Manager
- Update on the revised NPPF and other planning changes – Rob Lacey, Planning Policy Manager
- How Neighbourhood Plans and the Local Plan are impacted by planning changes
- Next steps on the Call for Sites
- Questions

This will be an online event via Teams and the link to join is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join the meeting Meeting ID: 370 385 338 462 Passcode: XY3zJ9Cy

Dial in by phone +44 20 7660 8305,,59069472# United Kingdom, City of London [Find a local number](#) Phone conference ID: 590 694 72#

This email provides the joining link – there is no need to book, and places are not limited for each council. **Clerks/Chairs - Please share this email with your local councillors so they can attend if they wish.** If you have any questions about the event, please email positiveplanning@cornwall.gov.uk

The presentations from this event will be made available afterwards on the Cornwall Council Planning [Local Council Planning Training](#) webpage.

9. The Parish Council Domains Helper Service has now allocated 100% of their funding set aside to help councils move over to a .gov.uk domain name.

We have been asked to remind you that there is still a compelling case for change - costs are lower than ever before, and councils and their communities will benefit from a safer, more professional online presence.

Parish councils wishing to move over to a [.gov.uk](#) domain can now [access guidance on the GOV.UK website](#).

It's laid out in a step-by-step format, taking the reader all the way through the process, from getting council approval all the way through to choosing your Approved Registrar and what to do when you're set up.

Hosting the guidance on [GOV.UK](#) means that parish councils can access up-to-date information at any time.

You don't have to attend [a virtual session with the Parish Council Domains Helper Service](#) team unless you want or need to, even the contact list for the Approved Registrars can be found there. It's a one-stop-shop for everything [.gov.uk](#) domain.

The Parish Council Domains Helper Service will continue to offer support and guidance to those councils hoping to move to a [.gov.uk](#) domain and if you require further assistance please contact them directly by email parish-helper@domains.gov.uk

10. Members may be interested in the following community initiative: **The Big Lunch: Building stronger communities together**

Join the Eden Project, the organisation behind The Big Lunch campaign, for a lunchtime webinar on **Thursday 30 January at 12pm** to explore how The Big Lunch can help councils of all levels support safer, healthier and more cohesive communities.

Over 10 million people participated in 2024, with 95% reporting a positive impact on their community, and 71% saying it helped reduce loneliness (7.1m people).

The Big Lunch 2025 will take place on 7 – 8 May and can also complement VE Day 80 activities in May. As always, the key is communities coming together and local councils are being asked to promote or organise events to suit your annual programme.

Hosted by Tracey Robbins, Head of Communities, and including examples of best practice from guest speakers, the webinar will share impact insights, practical tips, and free resources to support your town or parish to get involved.

To Sign up use this link: <https://events.more-human.co.uk/event/the-big-lunch-building-stronger-communities-together--with-eden-project-communities-events>

11. A reminder - **Bruno Peek, Pageant master** would like us to share the following information regarding **VE Day, 80th anniversary commemorations on Thursday 8 May 2025**. Further information regarding the Commemorative Event itself can be found on the VE Day 80 website here www.veday80.org.uk
Participating Councils and organisations are being asked to register their involvement as soon as possible by completing the Registration Form on the VE Day 80 website.
Please use the following links for the full guide and other useful information for your communities - [VE+Day+80+Anniversary+Guide+v20.pdf](#), [Bell+Ringers+page+v02.pdf](#) and <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/66472dec46f0956b213117b0/t/66a4c5f4330b215bf0886e2c/1722074617378/I+vow+to+thee+my+co>

12. We would like to share the **Pledge 2 Recycle** campaign with you from **RECOUP**, the UK's leading independent authority and trusted voice on plastics resource efficiency and recycling.
Each year on Valentine's Day, the UK sends around 220 million roses & uses 13,500 miles of gift wrap!
Recoup have created a social media campaign toolkit which all councils can use on their social media platforms to encourage everyone to take small steps that make a big impact when it comes to tackling climate change.
Please see the attached resources or click on this link: <https://pledge2recycle.co.uk/community/>

13. Job Adverts

Part Time Clerk & RFO – **Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council** – Closing Date Monday 10 February 2025
Part Time Clerk & RFO – **Tintagel Parish Council** – Closing Date Friday 28 February 2025

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