

Cabinet backs £495,000 Torpoint regeneration plan

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Cornwall Council's Cabinet this week backed ambitious plans to acquire Torpoint Police Station as part of a £495,000 town regeneration scheme.

The police station forms part of the plan developed by Torpoint Town Council and Cornwall Council to deliver 55 one and two-bedroomed apartments, a new library, and retained space for police offices.

If approved by Full Council, the plans will deliver 3,000m² of commercial and community space and c.500m² of improved public area and the police station will be acquired by the end of the financial year.

Cllr Bob Egerton, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, said: "This is an important acquisition on behalf of the community of Torpoint. It enables us to secure a key site necessary to assist with the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan and a wider regeneration scheme that will bring jobs and improve the local economy for the benefit of residents.

"We will now be progressing work on bringing the development forward through further design, cost appraisals and ultimately through a planning application."

Cllr Lambert Keise, Mayor of Torpoint said: "I am delighted to hear Cornwall Council's Cabinet decision to acquire the police station at the lower end of Fore Street. The Town Council has been working with Cornwall Council on the scheme to develop accommodation, a new Library, as well as space for the police at this site. Securing ownership of this site, accompanied by others already under Cornwall Council, will increase the likelihood of success of a coordinated development that delivers this aspect of the Vision for Torpoint, adopted by the Town Council in April 2016.

"The redevelopment of this site will benefit the community of Torpoint, and will deliver a smart first impression of the town, all consistent with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan."