

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2023



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Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

I started October with a visit to New County Hall for the Children's and Families OSC meeting. This is a committee that I am incredibly proud to be a part of and where cross party work is always at the forefront of what we do within it. During this month's meeting, we looked at the budget setting process for the next financial year which, I am sure as a shock to nobody, see's more cuts and 'savings' across this, and other, services. The officers involved have worked relentlessly to try and mitigate the harm these cuts will cause, but they are between a rock and a hard place quite frankly.

I then travelled to Liverpool for my Party's annual conference. I attended many fringe events focused on housing, the rural economy and supporting veterans with in our communities which were positive and enlightening.

Throughout the month, I have been meeting with various local businesses and community organisations that are planning to make grant bids from the Good Growth fund - without exception these have been inspiring local enterprises that are focused on breathing new economic and social development into our forgotten corner of Cornwall. I am happy to support these bids as and when I can.

Towards the end of the month, I was delighted to be invited to the China Fleet Clubs Sustainability awards - it was inspiring to hear of the history of the club, and how they have been forward thinking in their plans over the years around environmental impact.

Highways and reporting

I would like to remind Parish Councillors that they or and member of the public are able to report issues with the highways, or anything else that is managed by Cornwall Council. I am always happy to chase reports up if they are not actioned, or if you do not get the result you are expecting. The link to the website is <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/> or via link [HERE](#)

There are a few of the highways schemes put forward by Parish Councils currently either at design phase or going out for consultation. I know the Parish Councils have been great at sharing these consultations with residents which has been really helpful so thank you.

Defibrillators

In some fantastic news, Cornwall Councillors have been informed of a new defibrillator fund - I know from attending your meetings that this is something that is often brought up so I would heartily recommend Parishes applying to this fund. I have copied the information below for you:

"We just wanted to share the fantastic news in case you hadn't seen it that applications are now open for the £1 million Defibrillator Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) fund.

The Department for Health and Social Care has launched a fund to help fund public accessible defibrillators.

This will provide 2,000 new public access defibrillators for communities across England. Anyone in your constituency can apply. Would you be so kind to circulate with residents in your constituency? 1900 applications will receive match funding of £750.

*[🔗](#) Interested? Apply using the link **HERE!** — www.defibgrant.co.uk"*