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## **TORPOINT TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD IN NATIONAL SCHEME**

Torpoint Town Council has been received a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Torpoint Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Award Scheme report highlighted the council's particular areas of strength, including: good practices in governance, community engagement and council improvement.

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

Councillor Gary Davis, Torpoint Town Mayor said "For a very long time it has been an aspiration of mine for the town council to get formal recognition for the practices we adopt. This award demonstrates that not only have we been improving our services and facilities but we have been underpinning it through good governance, policies and community engagement as recognised by our peers.

The town council will continue to show a commitment to continuous improvement, with the team already looking to achieve Quality or Gold accreditation. Thank you to our staff, councillors and volunteers who should all be rightly proud of this Foundation award."

In terms of the future, the council is now reviewing ways in which it can keep on improving its offer to the local community and welcomes input from local people and partners on this. Torpoint, and other local councils like it, are at the front line of the government's localism agenda and are doing as much as they can to delivery services whilst being efficient and cost-effective. Currently the council provides a range of services from: community buildings, Torpoint Library and Community Hub, four play parks, the tennis courts which are currently undergoing improvements, plus additional parks and public sites and wants to continue to improve its community engagement for the benefit of the residents of Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula.

*Photo: Sarah Mason, CEO, of Cornwall Association of Local Councils is pictured presenting the award to Camilla Southworth, Town Clerk of Torpoint Town Council.*

