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Dear Member Councils,

Please note that today the Full Council of Cornwall Council met and a motion (attached) was raised. There was lengthy discussion and whilst many spoke against the use of glyphosate, some spoke in favour - regardless of the position on the use of chemicals there was widespread condemnation and apologies regarding how our sector was treated in the process. The Cornwall Council decision today was to:

1. Recognise that the decision to reintroduce chemical weed treatment using glyphosate represents a significant policy reversal with ecological, public health and democratic implications for communities across Cornwall.
2. Pause the commencement of chemical weed treatment currently scheduled for May 2026 until a meaningful public consultation process has been completed.
3. Recognise the wholly inadequate three week opt out window provided to parish and town councils which included Easter and commits to extending this to 30 days after the public consultation results have been published.
4. Give town/parish councils more clarity on the minimum required standards of the urban network.
5. Urgently review the financial terms of the opt-out scheme, which as currently structured are coercive: town and parish councils that exercise their democratic right to refuse glyphosate treatment are penalised by the simultaneous removal of wider targeted estate improvement works, and are offered funding covering only the chemical treatment element (£343.45 per km), leaving them to bear the full additional cost of alternative weed management, waste clearance and public liability insurance from their own precept. Decouple the opt-out from the loss of estate improvement funding.

CALC will continue conversations with Cornwall Council regarding the process failures with information-sharing and consultation with town and parish councils.

Kind regards

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