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Dear Members,

I wanted to provide a brief update following an invitation to meet informally with Cornwall Council's Cabinet yesterday to discuss the relationship between Cornwall Council and town and parish councils.

The discussion was constructive and open. I used the opportunity to highlight the scale, capability and importance of Cornwall's town and parish council sector, the significant contribution local councils make to communities across Cornwall, and the value of strong partnership working between all tiers of local government.

I also raised a number of concerns that have been shared with CALC by member councils over recent months. These focused less on any individual issue and more on the need for greater organisational understanding of town and parish councils across Cornwall Council, earlier engagement on matters affecting local communities, and a more consistent approach to partnership working across all service areas.

It was acknowledged that there are already many good examples of successful joint working across Cornwall, and discussion centred on how those approaches can become more consistently embedded across the organisation.

I welcomed the development of Cornwall Council's forthcoming *Valuing Local* Framework and emphasised the importance of ensuring that its principles are reflected in day-to-day practice across all departments. I also reiterated CALC's commitment to working constructively with Cornwall Council in support of our shared objective of achieving the best possible outcomes for Cornwall's communities.

No formal decisions were sought or taken at the meeting, but I was encouraged by the willingness of Cabinet members to listen, engage and continue the conversation. CALC will continue to represent the interests of member councils and work proactively with Cornwall Council to strengthen partnership working across the sector; and we will keep members updated.

Kind regards

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