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St Ives Town Council

Dear Councillor

MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
5th NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7PM

You are given notice of a meeting of the Community & Environment Committee, to be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall on Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7pm.

Members of the Committee are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business set out in the agenda attached. Councillors who are not members of this Committee are entitled to attend if they wish to do so and may be permitted by the Committee Chair to speak.

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Louise Dwelly
Town Clerk

To: All Councillors and Senior Management Team
Cornwall Councillors and Community Network Manager
Press

Membership of Community & Environment Committee:

Chair -	McNamee S			
Vice-Chair -	Wells J			
Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor (ex officio, voting members)				
and	Arthur K	Fuller J	Parkinson-Evans M	Viney P
Councillors:	Evamy M	Harris T	Ryall J	

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
5th November 2026

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Chair's Announcements

3. Minutes page 4
   To pass the following resolution:
   RESOLVED – that the Chair signs as a true and correct record the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 16th July 2026 (Appendix 3.0)

4. Declarations of Councillor and Officer Interests (including reasons thereof)

5. Requests for Dispensation

6. Public Participation – Verbal and Written Questions From The Community

7. Updates from Community Organisations

8. Clerks' Update Report (Appendix 8 page 11)

9. Reports for Decision (from page 20)

9.1 The 2027-28 Draft Committee Budget (Appendix 9.1 page 38) — Town Clerk /Head of Finance
To consider a draft Committee budget for the 2027/28 financial year.

9.2 Committee Work Programme 2026-27 (Appendix 9.2 page 42) — Town Clerk
To consider a Q3 progress report against the Committee's Annual Work Programme

9.3 Yonkers Youth Team Update Report (Appendix 9.3 page 48) — Deputy Town Clerk
To consider an update on the work of the Youth Engagement Team and overview of their aims and activities for 2026-27.

9.4 Civic Events — Deputy Town Clerk
To receive an update on planned civic events
i) Remembrance and Lamp of Peace
ii) Knill Celebration

9.5 Wildlife Concerns update policy in St Ives (Appendix 9.5 p 58) — Deputy Town Clerk
To consider an updated Animal Charter with recommendations for adoption.

9.6 Waste and Pest Control Issues in St Ives (Appendix 9.6 page 61) — Deputy Town Clerk
To consider an update on waste management and pest control issues and the action plan.

9.7 Interment of Cremated Remains at Barnoon Ceremony (Appendix 9.7 page 80) — Town Clerk
to consider draft policy guidelines to permit continued interment in specific circumstances.

9.8 Cornish Language Policy – proposed by Cllr Kennedy (Appendix 9.8 page 82) — Town Clerk

To consider the adoption of a Cornish Language Policy and a proposed draft.

9.9 Proposal to Consider Developing a Tree Charter – proposed by Cllr Fuller (Appendix 9.9 page 87) — Town Clerk

To consider whether St Ives Town Council should develop a local Tree Charter recognising and protecting the ecological and community value of trees, woodland, hedgerows, and Cornish hedges.

10. Finance Report — Head of Finance

To consider the Finance Report with detailed income and expenditure information for the Committee (Appendix 10.1. page 90)

11. Correspondence & Consultations

(1) None

12. Items for Information

(1) None

13. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing the following resolution:

"That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following matter due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed".

14. Confidential Reports for Decision

(1) Verbal update on a local authority service — Town Clerk

(2) To consider a proposal from a voluntary sector group — Town Clerk/ Cllr Arthur

Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday 25th February 2027 — Town Clerk

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee, St Ives Town Council held in the Cornerstone Greta Williams Room on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT
Chair – Councillor MacNamee
Vice Chair – Councillor Wells

COUNCILLORS

Arthur	Harris T	Ryall J
Evamy M	McNamee S	Smith L
Fuller J	Parkinson-Evans M	Viney P

IN ATTENDANCE
Councillor Kennedy

OFFICERS

Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Premises and Operations Manager, Head of Finance

C&E.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor L Smith

C&E.02 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

RESOLVED – that Cllr McNamee be elected Committee Chair for the Council year 2026-27.

C&E.03 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – that Councillor Wells be elected Committee Chair for the Council year 2026-27.

C&E.04 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

RESOLVED – that Councillor Kennedy be APPROVED as substitute for Councillor Smith.

C&E.05 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Chair signs as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th February 2026.

C&E.06 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Rodent infestation
A resident from the Warren raised concerns about the level of rats in the local area and their impact on the town. They described issues relating to food waste and commercial and public litter bins. They thanked the Council for its assistance and support to date but urged that more be done as a matter of urgency.

Gates at Trewyn Gardens
A resident asked whether gates could be looked at Trewyn Gardens and it was confirmed that this was scheduled to happen in the next week for the Summer period. They raised concerns that the gates would not prevent anti-social behaviour unless a third gate was installed. It was acknowledged that the actions would not physically prevent access but was designed to deter some and security guards would also carry out patrols before locking. The demolition of the derelict shelter and additional gate were being explored.

The resident thanked the Council for their assistance to date.

C&E.07 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

None

C&E.08 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR/ OFFICER INTERESTS

None

C&E.09 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

C&E.10 CLERKS' UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered the officers' update report.

RESOLVED – that the report be NOTED.

REPORTS FOR DECISION

C&E.11 Committee Work Programme

The Committee considered a quarter 1 update report on the committee's work programme. It noted that it was still early in the year, but further investments had been made at Richmond Park and Trewyn Gardens. Recently Barnoon Cemetery had also been devolved. The continued development of the voluntary sector forum was also noted. The Committee referred to a report later on the agenda on the condition of devolved play parks. It was agreed that more detailed actions should be included in the planned work programme to reflect their investment needs.

RESOLVED – that subject to the addition of more specific actions in relation to playground improvements, the Q1 update report on the 2026-27 Work Programme be NOTED.

C&E.12 Playpark Investment and Safety Update

The Committee considered a report on the condition of play equipment in play parks. A detailed annual safety inspection report for Penbeagle park noted a number of very low and low risk failures, which were managed operationally. However, it also noted a high-risk failure of the junior multi play unit, which had been the subject of some in-house repairs but was in need of replacement. In addition, it noted that two play parks due to be devolved were also in poor condition. A playpark reserve had been established but this would not be sufficient to provide for full replacements within one year. This required external match funding to be raised.

The Committee expressed concern about the status of some of the equipment and endorsed the strategy of prioritising the replacement of junior multi play units at Penbeagle park and, once devolved, Ayr Field. It was noted that both the fencing and roundabout at Penbeagle were in poor condition but were not flagged as high risk currently, unlike the multi-play units and replacements must be made on a safety-first basis.

Councillors Arthur and Fuller requested that they be involved in future discussions about park investment.

RESOLVED – that the Committee, NOTES the approach taken to play provision and the annual inspection report for Palemon Best playpark and to prioritise replacement of the junior multi-play equipment for both Ayr and Penbeagle, to be funded from the playground reserves in 2027 and for grant funding applications to be made to fund any additional scheme costs.

C&E.13 PUBLIC BENCH INITIATIVES

i) Talking Benches
ii) Bench QR codes
iii) Bench request on Town Council land.

The Committee considered several bench initiatives as set out in the report. It agreed that they were positive proposals and resolved to approve them with some conditions, as detailed in the resolution.

RESOLVED – that the Committee:

i) SUPPORTS the Talking Benches initiative and APPROVES the installation of a talking bench at an agreed location and in a suitable colour other than red to be sponsored by a member of the public and with the bench policy waived to permit an application to be considered in advance of others on the memorial bench waiting list.
ii) SUPPORTS the proposal to site QR codes on selected benches providing links to mental health advice and assistance, subject to consultation with the relevant relatives of existing bench dedications.
iii) APPROVES a request for the installation of a new public bench, adjacent to Kelly Gardens and the Cornerstone entrance, in order to improve the public realm and prevent fly tipping and with the final location and implementation agreed in consultation with the area Highway Manager and relevant businesses.

C&E.14 YONKERS YOUTH TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered an update report from the Youth Engagement Team, Yonkers. Clarification was sought on details on the recent award of revenue funding to deliver youth services. It was confirmed that as the Yonkers team would be based part time in the bus and this would become a hub for some activities, these would be the priority for funds from the revenue grant. However, the team would be engaged in activities with children and young people across many sites in the parish. The funding award was conditional upon young people being involved and consulted in final funding decisions and this would also shape where they were delivered.

RESOLVED – that the Committee NOTES the report and commends the team on their recent progress and programme of activity.

C&E.15 CIVIC EVENTS

The Council received updates on civic events which were planned across the Council year. Detailed arrangements in relation to the forthcoming Knill were considered and the launch of the star awards welcomed.

i. May Day Celebrations 2026/27
ii. Knill 2026
iii. Star Awards
iv. Mayor's Dinner
v. Remembrance and Lanterns of Peace

RESOLVED – that the Committee NOTES the report

C&E.16 WILDLIFE CONCERNS IN ST IVES

The Committee considered recent concerns raised by members of the public in relation to wildlife and animal welfare. They included a recent seagull attack, the continued selling of hollow plastic rings which could endanger seals, and dog welfare during hot weather. It was noted that the Council had adopted an animal welfare charter and a review of the charter, together with signage and better public information, were possible areas for action. It was resolved that a small task and finish group be convened to consider these in more detail.

[Councillor Ryall gave apologies and left the meeting.]

RESOLVED that the Committee SUPPORTS the formation of a small task and finish group to review the animal charter and consider other awareness raising measures, comprising Councillor Evamy and Councillor Fuller.

C&E.17 ALLOTMENT POLICY

The Committee considered amendments to the adopted allotment policy. It was explained that several changes responded to operational issues which had arisen and were not covered by the existing policy, for example notice periods and the keeping of animals on site. An amended tenancy agreement had also been drafted which reflected the changes. The amendments would require Council adoption, following consultation with the allotment association. Concern was expressed about the waiting list for allotments and officers set out a number of possible solutions being explored and within the Committee work programme.

RESOLVED – that the Committee APPROVES the proposed amendments to the allotment policy and associated tenancy agreement and RECOMMENDS them to Council for adoption, subject to consultation with the Allotment Association.

C&E.18 WASTE AND PEST CONTROL

The Committee considered a detailed report on waste management issues and increasing numbers of rats in town. It also detailed the roles and responsibilities of public bodies, residents and businesses. It was accepted that the Town Council had no statutory responsibilities (except as a

landowner). However, only by working in partnership and taking a lead locally could the issues be addressed. The Council would therefore need to determine how much it wished to invest and engage in this area of activity.

Councillor Kennedy provided a verbal update on a recent visit from Cornwall Council officers and the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder. They were expressed surprise and concern about the extent of the waste management challenges. The visit had prompted an initial response from Cornwall Council including an agreement to

- Ask SWW to inspect its drain network
- Review the provision of metal bins, in response to a partnership proposal from the Town Council and BID
- Write to food businesses reminding them of their waste obligations and scope for possible prosecutions.

The Committee welcomed this as positive, but agreed that more was action was needed. It was proposed that a task and finish group be established to consider a range of actions.

[During the debate, the councillors Arthur, Van Staeyn and Parkinson-Evans left the meeting].

RESOLVED – that the Committee NOTES the report and appoints a task and finish group to develop an action plan on waste and vermin control.

C&E.19 BARNOON CEMETERY

The Council was now the freehold owner of the cemetery site and the Committee considered a report on some of the issues, for example a lack of historic records, the outcome of headstone testing as well as the need to agree the long-term management plan, informed by public consultation. The on-going site maintenance would be carried out as part of the Service Level Agreement with CORMAC but, subject to a tender process later in the year. Proposed improvement and development measures were supported by the Committee.

RESOLVED – that the Committee

i) NOTES the report and the site management issues, immediate actions to be taken and its responsibilities as lead Committee including overseeing the service level agreement with the bereavement service.
ii) APPROVES the principles set out in the site management plan with a view to their further development through community consultation
iii) REQUESTS that Council appoint a Barnoon lead councillor champion
iv) Seeks to recruit volunteers to a friends group to work on the development of the management plan
v) Supports work to improve site and burial records including scope for digital mapping.

C&E.20 TREWYN GARDENS

The Committee received an update on physical improvements for the gardens. In addition, it reviewed a detailed tree report including proposed management arrangements, pruning, some removals and future planting.

It noted the need to implement the recommendations, in order to secure the garden's long term health and sustainability. It was agreed that public consultation was essential and the proposals would also be subject to a planning application.

The Committee RESOLVED to support the recommendations of the tree survey and proposed planting scheme, and their development into illustrative material in order to undertake consultation with the tree officer and community, submit a planning application and implement the proposals.

C&E.21 CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

The Committee considered a draft annual action plan and noted it had not been updated for the last Council year, due to the loss of momentum in the cross sector working group. Councillors Evamy, Fuller, Kennedy, McNamee and Wells had already been nominated to the working group for the Council year 2026-27.

RESOLVED – that the Committee APPROVES the action plan as a working draft, to be considered at a newly convened Climate Action Working Group and works towards re-energising a cross sector approach with community and business sectors.

C&E.22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Committee considered an update on the scope of the grounds maintenance activities covered under a Service Level Agreement with CORMAC. It was noted that the tendering thresholds for service contracts was likely to be reached, during the financial year, and it was necessary therefore, to advertise the above threshold contract.

Work had begun on drawing up a typology of sites and defining the services within each site against which competitive bids could be assessed objectively. This was a large piece of work, which would need to be concluded prior to the next meeting of the Committee and so delegation was required.

The Committee RESOLVED to

i) NOTE the pricing structure for the 2026-27 Service Level Agreement with CORMAC and the need to formally tender the service during the financial year
ii) APPROVE the key principles of the tender and proposed approach to site and service standards, in order for the full tender pack to be fully developed by officers and
iii) NOMINATE up to three members of the Committee to be part of the document sign off and evaluation panel.

C&E.23 FINANCE REPORT

The Head of Finance provided details set out in the Finance Report.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee NOTES the report and actions therein.

C&E.24 CORRESPONDENCE & CONSULTATIONS

None

C&E.25 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – that, it was not necessary to exclude the press and public from the meeting as no further discussion was required in relation to a confidential tender evaluation.

C&E.26 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

12th November 2026

Meeting ended at 21:24 Chair Councillor McNamee

Town Clerk's Update Report for the Community & Environment Committee – 5th November 2026

Actions from the 16th July 2026 meeting

Minute no	Item	Decision	Progress	Status
C&E.12	Playpark Investment and Safety Update	RESOLVED – that the Committee, NOTES the approach taken to play provision and the annual inspection report for Palemon Best playpark and to prioritise replacement of the junior multi-play equipment for both Ayr and Penbeagle, to be funded from the playground reserves in 2027 and for grant funding applications to be made to fund any additional scheme costs.	Annual inspection reports have been scheduled for all sites including new devolved ones (Penbeagle, Ayr, Trewartha). Richmond will be scheduled once the warranty has expired. Quotes are being sought for the replacement of two junior multiplays. The aim to identify an affordable solution to both in the new year. This would require the retention of two playground reserve allocations within the budget as a minimum.	In progress
C&E.13	Public Bench Initiatives	RESOLVED – that the Committee: i) SUPPORTS the Talking Benches initiative and APPROVES the installation of a talking bench at an agreed location and in a suitable colour other than red to be sponsored by a member of the public and with the bench policy waived to permit an application to be considered in advance of others on the memorial bench waiting list. ii) SUPPORTS the proposal to site QR codes on selected benches providing links to mental health advice and assistance, subject to consultation with the relevant relatives of existing bench dedications.	i) The installation of a 'talking bench' has been agreed in yellow to correspond with a local mental health charity colour (Man Down). The new bench has been purchased and site identified. Sponsor funding is awaited for installation. ii) the sponsor group has proposed the wording and is currently raising funds to cover the cost. This will be installed within Q3. iii) Approvals have been secured to install a bench adjacent to Kelly Gardens. Liaison is on-going with CORMAC to install it as part the work at Royal Square.	In progress In Progress In Progress

		iii) APPROVES a request for the installation of a new public bench, adjacent to Kelly Gardens and the Cornerstone entrance, in order to improve the public realm and prevent fly tipping and with the final location and implementation agreed in consultation with the area Highway Manager and relevant businesses.		
C&E.16	WILDLIFE CONCERNS IN ST IVES	RESOLVED that the Committee SUPPORTS the formation of a small task and finish group to review the animal charter and consider other awareness raising measures, comprising Councillor Evamy and Councillor Fuller.	The Animal Charter has been reviewed and is on the agenda for consideration. BID have confirmed that they are happy for existing seagull signs to be replaced with new signs at the existing sites. Officers are in consultation with the Harbour about they own recent signage. Officers will meet with the nominated councillors to agree new signage / designs, in line with the newly adopted charter.	In Progress
C&E.17	ALLOTMENT POLICY	RESOLVED – that the Committee APPROVES the proposed amendments to the allotment policy and associated tenancy agreement and RECOMMENDS them to Council for adoption, subject to consultation with the Allotment Association.	The approved policy has been adopted by the Council. The document has been published and a leaflet summarising the policy issued to all plot holders. Feedback from the allotment association was positive.	COMPLETE
C&E.18	WASTE AND PEST CONTROL	RESOLVED – that the Committee NOTES the report and appoints a task and finish group to develop an action plan	The task group was appointed and has met to review the action plan. Notes of the meeting and	In progress

		on waste and vermin control.	action plan have been circulated. To advance the plan and decisions of the group. an initial scoping meeting has been held with Suez Recycling and Recovery Ltd, Star Waste Services and BID to discuss their potential interest and involvement in the project. This was positive but the feedback was that detailed information on waste use and volumes was essential before any discussion of options could be progressed. BID is currently undertaking the survey will all businesses. Once the survey is complete, a meeting of the working group and providers will be scheduled. BID and CC have confirmed a willingness to be part of a multi agency approach. A copy of the action plan is appended for information.	
C&E.19	BARNOON CEMETERY	RESOLVED – that the Committee i) NOTES the report and the site management issues, immediate actions to be taken and its responsibilities as lead Committee including overseeing the service level agreement with the bereavement service. ii) APPROVES the principles set out in the site management plan with a view to their further development through community	i) The site has received an initial full cut to restore access to the graves. Other work includes installation of new bins and repairs to handrails. A new sign has been commissioned. Plots for 11 memorial benches have been identified and will be marketed. The approved SLA limits the addition of new cremation plots to local residents on a case by case basis. To support this some policy principles	In progress

		consultation iii) REQUESTS that Council appoint a Barnoon lead councillor champion iv) Seeks to recruit volunteers to a friends group to work on the development of the management plan v) Supports work to improve site and burial records including scope for digital mapping.	have been developed and are appended for Approval. ii) and iv) Community consultation has started and some positive feedback received. A contact list has been complied of those willing to help as a friends group and those with stories to share. iii) Councillor an Staeyen has been appointed as councillor champion. v) Contact has been made with two suppliers on technical approaches to mapping the site and digitising records.	
C&E.20	TREWYN GARDENS	The Committee RESOLVED to support the recommendations of the tree survey and proposed planting scheme, and their development into illustrative material in order to undertake consultation with the tree officer and community, submit a planning application and implement the proposals.	Quotations have been sought from two suppliers to implement the management plan and are awaited. Due to a number of trees to be reduced and removed, costs are significant and may need to be split over 2 phases. Once the contractor has been engaged, then consultation and planning permission will be sought prior to any work commencing	In Progress
C&E.21	CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN	RESOLVED – that the Committee APPROVES the action plan as a working draft, to be considered at a newly convened Climate Action Working Group and works towards re-energising a cross-sector approach with community and business sectors.	The schedule of a meeting had been paused whilst community representatives were approached, to form the new group and three have now agreed, alongside a BID representative. We will shortly circulate options for the first meeting date.	In progress

C&E.22	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	The Committee RESOLVED to i) NOTE the pricing structure for the 2026-27 Service Level Agreement with CORMAC and the need to formally tender the service during the financial year ii) APPROVE the key principles of the tender and proposed approach to site and service standards, in order for the full tender pack to be fully developed by officers and iii) NOMINATE up to three members of the Committee to be part of the document sign off and evaluation panel.	i) The pricing structure was noted and is within the approved budget. ii) Work has been completed on developing service standards for each site, in accordance with the Committee's approval. Tender preparations were delayed over the Summer but it is anticipated that full tender documentation will be ready for publication in Q3.	I COMPLETE In progress

Actions from the 26th February 2026 meeting

Minute no	Item	Decision	Progress	Status
C&E.66	RODENT ISSUES IN THE TOWN CENTRE	RESOLVED – that the Committee progress a serious of measures to seek to tackle the growing rodent infestation, with involvement delegated to Councillors Van Staeyen, Evamy, Mitchell, Rogers and McNamee on the Committee's behalf.	A partnership meeting with Cornwall Council and businesses took place in June and the matter was debated further at Council. An item on the agenda updates the Committee. This is superseded by Minute No C&E.18	COMPLETE
C&E.70	KNILL CELEBRATIONS 2026	RESOLVED – that the Committee: i) NOTES the report and work underway ii) Seek quotes for printing the commemorative programme, together with scope for sponsorship and	Arrangements and planning have progressed and an item on the agenda updates the committee.	COMPLETE

		advertising. iii) NOTES the estimates of cost and budget for the event, with more detailed information to be reported to the Committee in due course		
C&E.71	2026-27 STREET WEEDING SERVICES	RESOLVED – that the Council i) Enter into a 12 month contract with Total Weed Control to deliver street weeding services in 2026-27, in accordance with the existing specification and ii) review alternative options for future years especially in the light of potential changes to legislation and with likely additional costs considered as part of 2027-28 budget setting.	i) Complete ii) The outcome of the HSE review is still awaited and may well be further extended. In addition CC position's on public realm policy is also not published. Provision in the budget has, therefore, been made for the continuation of the current approach – it is proposed that a comprehensive review is carried out once these recommendations become clear.	COMPLETE
C&E.72	2026-27 SW COASTPATH AND PARISH FOOTPATHS CUTTING CONTRACT	RESOLVED – that the Committee appoint Contractor Robert Sanders to carry out the cutting of the SW Coastpath and inland paths for 2026-27, with the estimated overspend being met from savings within Committee budgets identified at year end.	A contract was let and works are being carried out. We successfully bid for and secured additional fund to cut more paths than anticipated.	COMPLETE
C&E.76.1	LAMP LIGHT OF PEACE	RESOLVED – the Committee support the event with the illumination of the chapel and a lamp of peace and officers develop detailed plans for commemoration.	Work is being progressed on plans and is on the agenda for information.	In progress
C&E.76.2	ISLAND FOOTPATH	RESOLVED – that officers investigate	Options have been assessed	In progress

	PAVING REQUEST	options for paving the path to the Island Chapel on the Island to improve access and with a detailed report on options and costs being brought back to the Committee for decision.	and costed. Costs are significant (£9k) but are included in the draft 2027/28 budget, should the Committee wish to prioritise this work.	

Actions from the 6th November 2025 meeting

Minute no	Item	Decision	Progress	Status
C&E.46	COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME: 2026-2029	RESOLVED – that the Council progress an expression of interest, following consultation with the Town Deal Team, Cornwall Councillor Rogers and the Area Highway Manager and Councillor Viney be delegated to contribute ideas on behalf of the Committee.	Councillor Rogers has been pursuing a crossing with the Highways Authority and options are being considered. Unfortunately, the scheme was not put forward as part of the local highway scheme and so would need to be funded in the future. As part of a recent planning application, the Council has sought to negotiate a financial contribution to this project from a development.	In Progress
C&E.47	TREWYN TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN	RESOLVED – that the Committee SUPPORT the commission of a tree survey and management plan and the letting of a contract for arborio-cultural advice on the terms set out.	This has been superseded by Minute no C&E.20.	Superseded.

Town Clerk's Update Report for the Community & Environment Committee – 5th November 2026

Actions from the 7th November 2024 meeting

Minute no	Item	Decision	Progress	Status
C&E.40	TREWYN GLASSHOUSES	RESOLVED – that the Committee i) NOTE the reported structural problems with the current Trewyn glasshouses ii) SUPPORT proposals for making them safe and their removal in the short-term iii) SUPPORT the development of a devolution project with longer term plans to improve the site, meeting the needs of the maintenance team and designing scope for a community growing scheme, working with local partners iv) Identify options for external grant funding, with a detailed proposal brought back to the Committee at a future date.	ii) The glasshouses have been de-commissioned iii) Initial discussions have been held with local community groups, and this will be progressed as funds are identified.	Paused until any relocation of the depot can be progressed.

Actions from the 22nd August 2024 meeting

Minute no	Item	Decision	Progress	Status
C&E.14	ALLOTMENTS UPDATE	RESOLVED – that the Committee NOTE: i) The update report ii) The issues with plot demand and REQUEST that a report on possible actions be brought to a future meeting	ii) The owner has expressed an interest in selling the site to the Council at the end of the term. This would require a reserve or	In Progress

			borrowing to fund it. iii) scope for an additional site (identified as part of devolution) is being progressed. A positive site visit with Cornwall Council took place	

REPORTS FOR DECISION

REPORT 9.1 – Budget (Appendix 9.1)

To consider the draft Committee budget for the 2027-28 financial year

REPORTING OFFICER: Head of Finance/Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Every year, as part of the budget setting process, a draft budget for each service committee is prepared. The Committee reviews this and, subject to any changes, recommends a final version to the Financial and General Purposes Committee for inclusion in the budget deliberations. That Committee then reviews the recommendations from each service committee and reflects them in recommendations to Full Council, either as a final draft budget or options to be debated with supporting documents and evidence.

1.2 The Town Council's budget, and proposals for the precept, are then debated and approved at the December meeting of Full Council, to meet the required deadline set by the precepting authority, Cornwall Council.

1.3 Although this report seeks, principally, to set a detailed budget for the 2027-28 financial year, the Council has adopted a medium-term financial strategy which includes three year budgeting and so has draft budgets for 2028-29 and 2029-30. This longer-term forecasting is increasingly important in the context of both devolution of Cornwall Council assets and larger capital and revenue raising projects. Longer term strategic planning is also considered good practice and is a requirement of the Gold Standard Council benchmark award.

2.0 APPROACH AND KEY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH 3 YEAR FINANCIAL PLANNING

2.1 Budget setting involves both an assessment of the external economic and financial environment, but also structural changes in the Council's operational environment and its ambitions for the future, for example the development of a new strategic plan. These are especially critical for a Council, such as St Ives where it relies upon a number of commercial income streams to support service delivery and future development. It is, therefore, critical that longer-term financial forecasts remain robust and realistic.

2.2 Councillors will be mindful of the continuing service evolution and the devolution of land and property from Cornwall Council. This brings opportunities to improve local service provision and generate additional income, but also results in increasing financial and operational responsibilities in the short-medium term.

2.3 The 2027-28 budget, and the indicative budgets for 2028-29 and 2029-30, must, therefore, reflect the full cost of operating and maintaining both the Council's existing -and anticipated- assets. Our budgets in recent years have sought to forward plan for this to mitigate risk by including operating budgets for new land and property assets, prior to transfer. For this Committee this typically includes routine grounds maintenance, waste management, utilities and inspections, but also the longer-term costs of repairs, refurbishment and replacement of equipment and infrastructure. If these are not planned for in advance, they

emerge as unexpected pressures in future years. Even where new reserves have been created to respond to pressures, such as play equipment replacement, they have not been in place long enough (or at a high enough level) to build up sufficient financial capacity for future investment. It is a difficult short term financial environment in which to do so, but play equipment reserves will be an important part of the Council's future budget setting.

3.0 COMMITTEE BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

3.1 The approach taken by officers in budget setting is to consider a standstill budget for individual income and expenditure codes and then consider line by line adjustments to anticipate unavoidable external inflationary or service pressures. In addition to the purchase of goods and equipment, the Council commissions a number of services under external contract, the costs of which are not under its direct control. Increases in such contract prices also reflect similar cost pressures being experienced by businesses.

4.0 STAFFING COSTS VERSUS EXTERNAL CONTRACTS

4.1 Historically, the Community and Environment budget did not incur some of the higher costs of staffing, property and infrastructure of other committees, because the Council owned relatively few parks and gardens and public realm. This has changed significantly through devolution. The Committee will be mindful that, although the cost of managing these (relatively) new services falls under the Community and Environment Committee's management, some of the key income generating assets, which finance devolution arise under other Committees, primarily carparking revenue through Finance and General Purposes and income from property and fees and charges under the Facilities Committee budget.

4.2 Due to costs associated with employing permanent staff, plant, equipment and machinery, the Council's short-term strategy for managing amenities, public space and public realm including on devolved sites, was to outsource the management and maintenance to third parties. It has generally proved more cost-effective to out-source services such as grounds maintenance, footpath clearance and street weeding with local contractors. Currently a single external contractor (CORMAC) provides grounds maintenance, verge, grass and hedge cutting, summer planting, parks and gardens and playground inspections. Street weeding, footpath cutting and public litter bins are managed through local private contractors. As the quantum of services increases and with external contracting also subject to price increases, it is proposed that the Council re-evaluate the merits of commissioning services.

4.3 Early steps could be taken towards this in the forthcoming tender of grounds maintenance services. Based on current specifications and the required staffing levels, this may still not provide cost effective overall (and would only be justified if there was a strong value for money argument for doing so). Until or unless services can be brought in-house and delivery service savings, external grounds maintenance and waste contracts will remain high costs to the Council. Conversely, there is more limited scope for commercial income and fees and charges to be levied under this committee. These are limited to allotments, memorial benches, footpath grants and some miscellaneous fees and charges.

5.0 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK AND OVERARCHING STRATEGY FOR BUDGET SETTING

5.1 The Council continues to be mindful of cost-of-living pressures for local households, and the need to manage the Council's budget setting process as responsibly as possible. The Council will be deliberating on each Committee budget carefully before considering the level of precept for the next financial year. Set against this is the need to consider effective budgets to maintain important local services which are valued by the community and would have no prospect of being sustained given the financial outlook for the principal authority.

5.2 The Council is progressing a phased approach to devolution, but the timing of which, is primarily determined by Cornwall Council (and their legal and property service capacity). This means that it can sometimes be difficult to predict with accuracy either planned expenditure or when any anticipated income generating assets come on stream. The planned phase 2 and 3 transfers have been later than anticipated, resulting in some reduced cost pressures. However, it does mean that the final phase of devolution is likely to fall more fully on the 2027-28 budget.

5.3 The short to medium term national economic outlook is gloomy and limited headroom at national level means the Government has little scope to address cost of living pressures for households, reduce costs for employers or to improve the financial position of local authorities whose statutory services are under extreme pressure. These all combine to provide a volatile environment for local councils:

- More limited scope for income from commercial and discretionary services.
- No central or local government support for local council expenditure (for example employer NI increases are not offset in the local council sector)
- With no central government precept cap, a greater expectation that local councils are called upon by the Principal Authority to fill the gaps and to pick up services which would otherwise be cut.

6.0 KEY FACTORS FOR THE 2027-28 COMMITTEE BUDGET

6.1 The factors influencing the setting of the 2026-27 Revenue Budget are, therefore summarised as follows:

- The continuing pressure on household finances and the local economy
- The national economic outlook and fiscal position, which mean that Government has limited headroom for investment and continues to make cuts to public spending, impacting principal authorities and indirectly local councils. Opportunities for external grant funding to support capital projects are also limited.
- The continued pressures on expenditure budgets from the relatively high rates of inflation (multi-year contracts for utilities and insurance provide some certainty when budgeting) but prices for fuel costs, professional fees, goods and services and capital works continue to rise.
- The need to tender externally for key services in limited markets where there is little insulation from increases (toilet cleaning, grounds maintenance, IT, insurance)
- The continuing financial impact of devolution: The transfer and management of additional parks, gardens, recreation grounds and open spaces brings

increased responsibility for maintenance, waste, insurance, inspections and repairs. The Committee's budget must reflect the actual costs of managing these assets and provide for their longer-term upkeep.

- With a relatively high proportion of the Council's budget being dependent upon non-precepted income, performance against income targets is intrinsically linked both to greater restraint on household spending and reduced demand for commercial and retail space from small businesses (and their ability to afford rent increases).
- Public sector pay – there are two components; pay progression through adopted payscales, and nationally negotiated annual cost of living pay awards. The assumptions the Council makes for the cost of living pay settlement are always critical. In recent years, the Council has made prudent decisions which ensured we could accommodate claims. These two components result in budgeted salary costs of £982,411 for 2027/28 (£1,293,106 with NI & Pensions). A 4% increase has currently been factored in for each of the next 3 years for the Local Government pay award. 2025-26's award was 3.2% with 2026/27 at 3.3%
- The impact of the Second Homes Council Tax Premium following its introduction. It was anticipated that the tax would result in some sales of second homes over the first 12 months period. Cornwall Council is currently forecasting a reduction of around 7.2% in dwellings being charged the premium. As St Ives has the largest number of second homes in Cornwall, it is likely that there will be some decrease in the taxbase. Some properties may convert to business rates and others are being sold (and where this is to a primary resident, the income from the double charge will be lost). This is likely to impact the Band D charge adversely. More detail from Cornwall Council and our final taxbase will be received in the first weeks in November. For current budget setting purposes, the 7.2% reduction has been factored in.
- The requirement to maintain a prudent level of reserves. The Council has an adopted position of gradually increasing reserves from the minimum acceptable, to safer operating levels. This is critical, as the Council depends heavily on non-precepted income, is taking on more services and continues to be an ambitious Council, an essential buffer against risk.
- Key risks and issues for the Guildhall construction project require increased costs to be accommodated. This will have a very significant impact on 2027-28 budget setting. The decision in principle has already been made by the Council to facilitate the conclusion of the construction. The adopted financial solution includes a large call on general reserves. Options and scope to finance this must be accommodated within the current and subsequent financial years.

7.0 DETAILED CHANGES BY COST CENTRE

7.1 Allotments

- An increase to £125 (£115 in 2025/26 & £120 in 2026/27) for the year has been applied to a X-Large plot, with other plots amended accordingly this is in line with the growth in staff administration and maintenance time and costs, together with and provides some extra income in the year.
- Allotment lease rent is now £700 per quarter following the rent review in 2025, and the expenditure budget has been increased to £2,800 for the next financial year.

- The cost of fulfilling our tenant obligations has also increased with works such as hedge cutting, fencing and waste clearance, so an increase to £4,000 is proposed for 2027/28 with a percentage increase in future years.
- An allocation of £3,000 per year has been included as a contribution to securing (or purchasing an additional) site.

7.2 Civic and Hospitality

- A standstill has been applied to cost lines, wherever possible
- There is no contribution to St Ives Archive in lieu of rental for the space at Market House.
- The previous Grants to community and voluntary organisations (totalling £7,000) have been removed, in line with Committee recommendations. These have been replaced by an allocation of £20,000 to establish the newly adopted Partnership Grant Fund.
- The rise in food and travel costs required for Hospitality - Community events indicate an expenditure budget of £3,255 is now required.
- Hospitality – Mayor Choosing, the budget was increased to £4,150, with an increase of £1,000 agreed to meet ever rising cost. An increase to £5,150 has been included for 2026-27. The Committee's views are sought on this.
- Mace Bearers' & Mayor's Allowance – the budgets for theses allowances were increased in 2026-27, being £150 for each Mace Bearers, per annum and £3,400 for the Mayor.
- The budget for Mayor's photos & paintings is in line with the actual costs from previous years.
- The Sculptures Restoration Fund, to become the Art & Regalia Reserve, has been increased to £2,500 per year, in order to meet the costs of the, now, 2-year cycle of works to Dual Form, Ascending and Rock Form, and repairs to civic robes and regalia, etc.
- The Council's contribution to New Year eve increased to £8,000.
- Knill Celebrations costs are removed until 2031-32.

7.3 Amenities and Public Realm

- "Other Income" reflects the yearly contribution that St Ives Bid make to the Council's In Bloom costs.
- Interest in memorial benches is predicted to continue in 2027-28, but with a slight reduction to previous years to reflect the letting of the majority of the plots.
- The PSPO income line is to include £2,000 income from BID and licence fees received in line with 2026/27 figures.
- Costs to maintain benches fall as the new and easier to maintain stock is rolled out. Budgets going forward are slightly reduced.
- In Bloom and Green Waste Costs have been assumed to continue at current levels under the CORMAC SLA. Again, this is dependent on match funding from St Ives BID, but this has already been confirmed for 2027-28.
- Street weeding – a quote has been requested from the current contractor for the 2027-28 budget. It is assumed that this will continue for the next financial year in the light of continued delays to announcements from the HSE. Should the Committee want this service to be delivered differently, this would require a very considerable uplift to pay for mechanical methods of management.
- PSPO – equivalent hours to 2026-27 for the service Cornwall Council Multi Skilled Enforcement Officers have been applied with an inflationary increase

to the budget. This is predicted to continue with a yearly percentage rise but, this requires confirmation from Cornwall Council. St Ives BID previously re-imbursed the Council for £2,000 worth of these costs and mentioned above.

- The Youth Project budget has been increased to £10,000 to ensure that the Youth Engagement Officer team have an operational budget to offer increased activities from new facilities.

7.4 Trewyn Gardens

Expenditure budgets such as waste, grounds maintenance and business rates are calculated on actuals with a percentage uplift. There are phased tree works planned within the gardens and previously agreed by this committee. Given the scale of the required works, it is proposed to phase them, with phase 1 in 2026/27 and phases 2 & 3 within 2027/28. It is hoped that any CIL funds received could be allocated against these works.

7.5 Memorial Gardens

With the shelter currently being worked on and restored there are different options available for its use. The plans are for a visitor / information booth. No rent would be received, but it is hoped that this would drive additional retail and ticket sales.

7.6 Chy an Gweal Gardens

As above actual costs have been used to forecast future years budgets. The Guildhall project finance requirements will result in a pause to planned works to the carpark to generate income revenue to offset the cost of the gardens.

7.7 The Island and Man's Head

In line with a previous decision of the Committee, quotes have been obtained to tarmac the path up to the NCI lookout at a cost of £9,000. This has been included in the budget for the Committee for 2027-28 should it want to proceed with the work.

7.8 Longstone Cemetery and Plantation

Current options for the letting of the chapel indicate a potential annual rent of £4,500 per annum is achievable. Repair & Maintenance costs have been factored into the budget. Capital costs of creating a community allotment site would be required in future years, with some potential for external funding.

7.9 Barnoon Cemetery and Chapel

- Rental income is already being collected for the Chapel at Barnoon. A rent review in progress and assumptions have been included on increased revenue.
- Wall and railing repairs are due in the year.
- Actuals for waste management and grounds maintenance have received an uplift of 5% for the year.

7.10 Malakoff

- Minimal electricity is required at the Malakoff
- Small maintenance and repair will be due in the year as well as the installation of a new bin.
- There is potential for a Summer concession on the site, which could result in additional income, should this be supported by the Council.

7.11 Playgrounds and Community Parks

Palemon Best Park

- The bi-annual skatepark floodlight servicing is required in 2027-28 and the Repairs & Maintenance budget reflects this.
- Previous year actual costs form the basis of the majority of cost codes.
- The budget continues to include a £35,000 annual allocation to the Play Equipment Reserve. In the short-term, this provision is critical given that two sites have equipment nearing obsolescence. On average, it represents 10% of the full cost of re-equipping a playground, result in sufficient funds for a single full replacement, every decade. The 2025/26 reserve was used in full to undertake Palemon Best playpark improvements. There are pressures of other additional sites at Ayr and Trewartha, other old equipment at Palemon Best and phase 2 of Richmond Gardens. The Committee has previously agreed to use the 2026-27 allocation and the 2027-28 allocation to fund junior multi play at Ayr and Palemon Best. Reducing this reserve would prevent this being progressed.

Richmond Park

- Actual costs from Star Refuse and CORMAC provide the figures within this cost centre.

Trewartha Recreation Ground

- The recreation ground has yet to be devolved from Cornwall Council but is imminent. Relative costs for waste management, R&M and grounds maintenance have been included.

Ayr Park and Playing Field

- The actual costs since the site was devolved to the Council have been reflected as full year costs in 2027/28.

Other Open Spaces

- This cost centre includes footpath cutting as well as other open spaces such as St John's Walk, Manor Drive, Porthia Crescent, etc that we will be maintaining.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS AND OPTIONS

8.1 Historically, key budgetary pressures do not impact on this Committee budget to the extent that they do within other Service Committees. However, the devolution of assets, is reflected in significant increases to the Committee's budgets. As above, income to offset these costs occurs in other committees and most specifically carparking revenue.

8.2 The net increase to the Committee Budget from the original adopted committee budget for 2026-27 to the detailed proposal and draft budget for 2027-28, as set out, will be £79,719. This is a relatively modest and manageable increase. However, in percentage terms, it is high (an increase of 34%) because the Committee's budget is one of the lowest - last year's net Committee budget of £234,764. The majority of this reflects service growth. A total of £226,115 is attributed to these areas across the Council's budgets.

8.3 In terms for options for savings or budget reductions, as the full report sets out, existing budgets have been, in general, only increased by inflation. It is the increase in the number of devolved assets (parks, gardens and open spaces) which results in the expenditure increases.

8.4 Income from other recent new assets (such as carpark income or the renting and hiring of new commercial property) is reflected elsewhere in the Council's budget. In order to offset the impact of devolution, it is essential that the Council does not make additional or alternative commitments against income and revenue occurring elsewhere in other committees, as the income is required to offset these costs. Similarly, decisions in other committees to gift or rent assets at low levels for community use also impact the commercial strategy to finance devolution.

8.5 The only possible saving, which can be made in one financial year is the playground reserve (which is very modest relative to needs). This is not recommended, given that two pieces of equipment are assessed as obsolete and must either be replaced or removed within the next 12 months. Careful and incremental saving for investment programmes is the more prudent approach.

8.6 It is important at this stage, to consider the proposals, specifically in relation to the needs and activities within the Committee. The Committee's views on potential savings, income generation or prioritisation are sought. However, it is only when each committee has considered its own budget in detail, that officers can bring the whole draft budget together with some options and scenarios for the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Full Council to deliberate.

Some guidance notes have been included in the table at Appendix 9.1.1 to assist the Committee's deliberations. A summary of the 3 Year Budget is at 9.1.2.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that the Committee CONSIDERS the draft budget and RESOLVES to recommend the budget to the Financial and General Purposes Committee and then for approval at Full Council.

REPORT 9.2 – COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Appendix 9.2)

To review the Q3 progress report for 2026-27 Committee Work Programme

REPORTING OFFICER: Town Clerk

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Each Committee sets an annual work programme which is RAG rated (Red, Amber, Green) and considers progress reports throughout the year. A new work programme was approved for the Committee in February. This report summarises progress at Q3 and an update is at Appendix 9.2.

1.2 Throughout the year, the devolution process has progressed as planned, and assets have continued to come into ownership of the Town Council. As the Council accepts the newly devolved assets, they are subject to review with the Committee considering plans for their ongoing development to ensure that service standards and their quality is improved as far as possible for the benefit of

local residents. As many properties have backlog repairs and long term investment needs, each site requires a future vision, a development and maintenance plan and consultation with the community. This work is resource intensive and will represent a large proportion of the work of the Committee in the medium term. Over the year positive progress has been seen in Trewyn Gardens, Richmond Park and Barnoon Cemetery and plans for these sites will continue.

1.3 Other notable areas of progress in the work programme include around community engagement and partnership. The voluntary sector forum and the Cultural Partners group have continued to meet to develop shared objectives and projects, and the re-energised Climate Emergency group will re-convene this quarter. There has also been a strong focus on heritage and cultural projects to progress the Huers Hut funding and the St Ives stories project. Good progress has also been made towards an innovative approach to waste management and rodent control.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that the Committee NOTES progress against the work programme for 2026-7.

REPORT 9.3 – YONKERS YOUTH TEAM UPDATE REPORT (Appendix 9.3)

To update the Committee on the recent work of the Youth Engagement Team and provides an overview of their aims and activities between January – June 2026.

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Town Clerk

1.0 ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1.1 The team has continued with a busy programme of work and reports the following outcomes for the second quarter of the financial year:

- Collated holiday activities in the area and provided a Skate Day for children during the school holidays
- Co-ordinated a youth music showcase for the September festival and again at the front of the Guildhall to celebrate the completion of the forecourt.
- Identified funding opportunities to continue funding future youth music, through Trailblazers and the Eden Project.
- The team are undertaking their level 3 funded Youth Work qualification
- The team have also successfully signposted the qualification to other youth programme organisers in the area, allowing them to access the funded qualification.
- The bus has been moved to the skate park and work is under way to prepare it for final finishing, including water-proofing the roof.
- The team have recently delivered a week of assemblies to St Ives School, promoting work being done in the community, including the progress of the bus project and the launch of a pop-up art exhibition. A copy of the presentation can be found in Appendix 9.3

2.0 PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

2.1
- Following the relocation of the bus, the Youth team will be re-engaging with the youth panel to agree a final finish for the interior work.

- Alongside the completion work, the team are also working to secure regular bookings for the use of the bus by community groups.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that the Committee NOTES the report.

REPORT 9.4 – CIVIC EVENTS
To receive an update on civic events

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Town Clerk

1.1 Knill Celebrations 25th July 2026

This is the first committee since the Knill ceremony took place and so a short summary is set out.

The quintennial Knill Celebrations took place shortly after the last C&E Committee. Arrangements for the event went smoothly and received very positive feedback from both participants and the community. The event was well attended, and we were fortunate to be supported by the wider community. This is critical in terms of encouraging people to walk to the monument and nominate girls and widows and give time to rehearse the dance.

Due to the closure of the Times and Echo the Council needed to review its approach to the production of the traditional Knill Programme. For the first time the Council produced the souvenir programme itself, and staff managed to secure sponsors for the programme cover. Sponsorship did not cover the full production costs but made a very significant contribution and could be built upon next time. In accordance with the Council's wishes, proceeds of the sale of the programme were donated to the Steeple Woodland Nature Reserve organisation who sell the programme and help provide refreshments.

1.2 Remembrance and Lamp of Peace

The British Legion have adopted the theme of a lamp of peace for this year's remembrance, and the Council has also adopted this approach. The commemoration for Remembrance Sunday will follow arrangements in previous years, which are that the Council is represented at both St Ives and Lelant events for church services and the laying of wreaths.

At 11am on the 11th, the mayor and other councillors are encouraged to meet at the memorial for the minute's silence.

Building on a more recent tradition of illuminating the Island Chapel, a lamp of peace event will be held at the chapel at 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th of November. Those wishing to commemorate are encouraged to bring lamps and join in song. The Legion will then host an event from 7pm when the St Ives Bay Choir will continue in an evening of celebration and song.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that the Committee NOTES the Knill feedback and planned remembrance event.

REPORT 9.5 – WILDLIFE CONCERNS IN ST IVES (Appendix 9.5)

In response to the previous decision of the Committee, to consider a revised Animal Charter to inform new signage and campaigns.

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 At the last meeting, the Committee, resolved to update the adopted Animal Charter. The charter has been revised to reflect some serious concerns about animal welfare, especially the treatment of seagulls and the impact of single use plastics on sea mammals. Once the charter is re-adopted, it is proposed that this is used to inform specific campaigns and signage.

1.2 Given the limited amount of space in the town centre, in which to display new signs and posters, it was agreed that officers would explore with BID the replacement of recent seagull signage with new signs to provide a greater focus on animal welfare. BID officers have confirmed that they are willing to support the campaign and the replacement of these signs with new material. In addition, discussion has taken place with the harbour about the co-ordination of signage around the pier areas.

1.3 Principal changes to the charter include an explicit provision relating to the protection of seagulls and promotion of their wellbeing and an enhanced commitment to the protection of marine life. This can be found in Appendix 9.5. Subject to any changes or comments, it is proposed that the amended charter is recommended for approval and that officers work with nominated councillors to identify key messages and the design of new physical and social media material, together with possible locations, to be installed ready for the 2027 season.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that the Committee

i) Reviews the amended Animal Charter and, subject to any comments or amendments, RECOMMENDS it to Council for adoption and
ii) The newly adopted charter is used as the basis for developing new signage and campaigns for the 2027 season, working with nominated members from the Committee.

REPORT 9.6 – WASTE AND PEST CONTROL ISSUES IN ST IVES (Appendix 9.6 Waste Working Group Minutes and Action Plan)

To receive an update on issues surrounding waste management and possible measures and solutions, as set out in an agreed action plan and meeting of the waste working group.

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Issues of waste storage and management have been concerns in St Ives for a number of years, and the Council has committed to working with partners, business and the community to find solutions. Throughout this holiday season, concerns have been exacerbated by the rise of activity related to scavengers,

encouraged by the scale and availability of (predominantly food) waste.

1.2 At the last meeting, the Committee resolved to establish a task and finish Waste Working Group to facilitate innovative solutions and the better management of waste in St Ives as a means to bringing rat activity in areas of the town under control. The first meeting of the group took place in August, and the minutes of the meeting and terms of reference are attached at Appendix 9.6.

1.3 Although there are a number of strands of activity in the action plan, a central focus is the improvement of commercial waste management, to deliver clean streets, meet the operational needs of business and reduce the rodent population.

1.4 Two key decisions from the group were to extend membership (to include Cornwall Council and BID), to ensure there was a partnership approach to solutions. Invitations have been extended to BID and Cornwall Council who are committed to joining in with a partnership approach.

1.5 In addition, to begin a dialogue with leasing waste operators to explore how a more frequent and responsive system might work. This report updates the committee on progress to date with this strand of work.

1.6 An initial fact-finding discussion was coordinated with waste contractors to assess their interest in being part of a potential solution. Feedback was positive. However, in order for discussions to progress they emphasised the need to collect data on volumes and possible demand.

2.0 Engagement with Waste Management Contractors

2.1 A scoping meeting was held with Suez and Star Refuse. Suez were invited to the meeting with Star Refuse, to reflect the differences in types of operation, skills experience and local knowledge. The intention was to draw together their different expertise to help shape a solution. This is often described in procurement as softmarket testing.

2.2 Star Refuse are a hyper-local organisation with a small fleet, appropriate to the infrastructure in St Ives. They are agile and responsive and only serve the St Ives catchment. This means they are able to offer a bespoke service, tailored to the needs of individual businesses, removing high risk food waste out of the town more frequently than traditional weekly waste collection organisations. Their knowledge of contracting, procurement and wider waste sector is more limited and they have not large scale vehicles or storage capacity.

2.3 Suez operate the disposal outlets in Cornwall and are a large-scale organisation resourced for weekly, volume waste collections. Their vehicles are designed for collection of bulky recyclables and as experienced contractors operating nationally. They have an in-depth understanding of emerging changes in environmental law that will directly impact almost all businesses in St Ives, but most significantly food outlets.

2.4 Both organisations were consistent in the feedback that, whichever solutions were implemented (and before any procurement exercise could be undertaken)

the quantum of the project and the anticipated waste volumes needed to be determined.

2.5 In order to gauge engagement levels from Businesses, BID agreed to lead the collection of a survey to all levy payers asking them details of their interest in looking for alternative waste solutions. Waste operators helped with survey design. This survey was issued in October, and BID are working to secure responses from as many organisations as possible.

2.6 It is important to note that any contracts awarded as a result of the work of this group would be subject to public procurement rules and the meetings were convened as part of soft market testing to explore what service design might look like and to establish some principles, not outcomes. Once the survey data are collected and analysed, a formal meeting of the waste management group and contractor representatives will be convened to discuss the survey findings and options.

3.0 Bins And Rodent Management

3.1 It is recognised that waste as a food source is attractive to pests and vermin, but so is a comfortable habitat. Over the summer, the Town Council funded the treatment of the Fisherman's Lodges (Rose and Shore) on Wharf Road to eradicate the infestation of rats in and around this area. In addition, four of the large CORMAC public waste bins on the site have been replaced with Town Council metal bins with concrete bases, reducing access and nesting opportunities.

3.2 Cornwall Council have also taken action to reduce the nesting on the Malakoff wall and waste bins have been relocated. Anecdotal feedback from contractors is that rat activity is no longer evident in any Wharf bins and planters. Businesses and members of the public living and working in and around this area also report significant reduction in activity. Of course, better management practices and effective controls need to be sustained long term, to prevent populations from returning.

4.0 Next Steps

4.1 Initial progress to establish the group and begin to roll out possible solutions has been positive. The survey will provide important data to inform a longer term strategic solution to commercial waste. In the short term, the Council's management interventions especially in relation to bin replacement on our own land has made some impact.

4.2 The next meeting of the Waste Working Group will be convened to review the commercial waste data and meet with representatives from waste management companies.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that, the Committee NOTES the update on progress to date and awaits feedback from the next meeting of the working group.

REPORT 9.7 –BARNOON CEMETERY INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS POLICY (Appendix 9.7)

To consider a draft policy relating to the interment of cremated remains at Barnoon Cemetery.

REPORTING OFFICER: Town Clerk

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Following the devolution of Barnoon Cemetery, the Committee considered a report on a number of required actions in relation to its on-going management and maintenance. Responsibilities in relation to burials remain with Cornwall Council as the burial authority.

1.2 Only when the site's transfer was actively discussed, was it revealed that, what had been assumed to be a closed cemetery, had been re-opened to a new allocation of cremation plots, for which fees were being charged but were not reserved for local residents. Only a limited number of new plots (up to 40) had been identified, and these had been laid out within an area already agreed to be and used by the community as open space. As such, they appear to be incongruous. As part of the transfer (and captured in the Service Level Agreement) it was agreed that the cremated remains area should not be expanded exponentially. Further, any unallocated cremation plots should be offered first to local people with a strong connection on a case by case basis. Since the transfer, the need to resolve a policy position to inform those decisions has already arisen. A draft set of policy principles has, therefore, been drawn up for the Committee to consider. The Bereavement Service have also been consulted, and their views will be reflected.

1.3 The policy principles relate to the newly established, unreserved, cremation plots. It is assumed that where plots have already been reserved (and utilised) it is reasonable to permit the cremated remains of other family members to be interred in the same plot, regardless of whether the plot owner has local connections or not. This policy also excludes any arrangements which would be agreed by the Bereavement Service in relation to the historic graves.

1.4 A copy of the policy principles is attached at Appendix 9.7. Subject to any comments or amendments the Committee wish to make, it is proposed that these are also discussed further with the Bereavement Service prior to formal adoption to inform future decisions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that, subject to any further comments or amendments, and the views of the Bereavement Service, the Committee APPROVES the proposed Interment of Cremated Remains Policy Principles and RECOMMENDS them to Council for adoption.

REPORT 9.8 – PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A CORNISH LANGUAGE POLICY (Appendix 9.8)

The Committee's views are sought on whether the Town Council should draft and adopt a Cornish Language Policy

REPORTING OFFICER: Town Clerk

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Committee has been asked to consider the adoption of a Cornish language policy. Whilst the adoption of a policy would be considered a positive step in general, recent developments in relation to the status awarded to the Cornish language have increased the imperative of the Council to adopt a more formal position.

1.2 The legal basis for the protection of the language is the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML). Although recognition was granted as early as 2002, in 2026 Cornish was officially granted Part III status under the Charter. This elevated Cornish to the highest level of protection, placing it on equal footing with other Celtic languages in the UK like Welsh, Irish, and Scottish Gaelic.

1.3 Part III legally requires the UK government to implement 36 specific measures to promote Cornish. These include expanding education and language instruction, enabling residents to submit documents to public authorities in Cornish, and increasing its visibility across media, public administration, and cultural life. Whilst these obligations rest with the Government and Cornwall Council, town and parish councils must also have regard to the obligations in so far as they impact on the delivery of our services.

1.4 A number of local councils have already adopted policy positions (eg Bodmin, Camborne, Penzance, St Austell and Falmouth). In the development of the policy, officers have reviewed each policy and its applicability and relevance to St Ives. The policies reviewed vary from a simple statement of intent to more detailed policies with firmer commitments. The current draft reflects similar policies in those local councils. In order for the Committee to assess how strong a commitment it wishes to make, the current draft includes policy specific commitments in all the areas, which are directly relevant to the local council sector and reflect our perceived obligations under the charter (communications, promotion, signposting, culture and heritage).

A draft policy which addresses each of the relevant obligations is attached at Appendix 9.8.

1.5 A policy of this nature, without prescribed legal obligations, is subject to the Council's own assessment as to what is deliverable, proportionate and affordable. The Committee is asked to review the draft and consider the extent to which it aligns with the Council's priorities. It has the option to adopt the policy as a more comprehensive response to the Charter. Equally, it may wish to scale back the policy to a simpler statement of intent. It is recommended, however that the Council does formulate a response and, as a minimum, adopts a clear commitment to the Charter and recognition of the status of Cornish, because the framework does place an administrative and cultural obligation on town councils to adapt, cooperate, and facilitate the language within their local communities.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Committee reviews the draft policy and subject to comments and amendments it wishes to make, RECOMMENDS the policy to Council for adoption.

REPORT 9.9 – ST IVES TREE CHARTER (Appendix 9.9)
To Consider whether St Ives Town Council should develop a local Tree Charter proposed by Councillor Fuller

REPORTING OFFICER: Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Lewes Town Council has adopted a tree charter and action plan (some information on their charter is attached at Appendix 9.9). Councillor Fuller asks that St Ives considers adopting a similar approach, recognising and protecting the ecological and community value of trees, woodland, hedgerows, and Cornish hedges.

1.2 As the Council is acquiring more trees into ownership and management, and given the increasing impact of recent storms, there is certainly a strong case for more work around tree management and working with partners to identify and protect important trees and woodland. This might also inform the development of the Council's Neighbourhood Priorities Statement as part of the Local Plan. The Committee is, therefore, asked to consider progressing a body of work in relation to tree management through the Climate Action Plan group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee's response to the proposal from Councillor Fuller and how to progress additional work around trees.

AGENDA ITEM 10: FINANCE REPORT (Appendix 10.1)

REPORTING OFFICER: Head of Finance

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The summary and detailed income and expenditure reports for the Committee are appended (APPENDIX 10.1) and include all transactions up to the 31st October 2026. The Committee may wish to note the following narrative for each of the cost centres within this Committee:

1.2 Allotments

- Allotment invoices are being sent out at the end of October
- Allotment expenditure so far relates to the removal of waste and a trial of fencing some plots. The increased expenditure is reflected in the proposed revised budget.
- There is one quarter's payment of rent to the landowner left to pay in this financial year.

1.3 Civic/Hospitality

- Annual revenue grant contributions to community organisations relate to Hayle Day Care Centre and September Festival.
- Hospitality – Community still has costs for Remembrance and Feast to come in the financial year.
- Hospitality – Mayor Choosing is still within budget after the event at the Harbour Hotel.
- The Art & Regalia Reserve currently includes the cost of a granite plinth for the returning Epidaurus sculpture which will be re-imbursed by Cornwall Council.

1.4 Amenities & Public Realm

- In Bloom contributions have been invoiced to St Ives BID who also contributed £2,000 to the PSPO enforcement costs, with £6,250 received in licence fees from permit holders in the year.
- Grant income from Cornwall Council for the Yonkers Team is shown here.
- Costs from the Youth Project relate to meetings and events hosted by the Youth Engagement Officers in respect of the Yonkers Bus project and the budget will continue to help fund the bus project.

1.5 Gardens (Trewyn, Memorial & Chy An Gweal) & The Island/Man's head

- With greater clarity on regular costs, clear budgets have been set, which include cost codes and budgets for Waste Management & Grounds Maintenance (contract payments to Star Refuse and CORMAC for grounds maintenance).
- There have some CCTV repairs at Trewyn Gardens.
- Business Rates are payable for Trewyn depot building and water costs at Memorial Gardens

1.6 NEW COST CENTRES – Longstone, Barnoon Cemetery and Chapel and the Malakoff

- New budgets were set up for the above assets in anticipation of devolution.
- Rent is now being received at Barnoon Chapel, and the grounds maintenance and waste management contracts started. A rent review is in progress and will result in increased rent in 2027-28
- There has been a small charge for electricity at the Malakoff.

1.7 Palemon Best

- The opening/closing and cleaning of the compostable toilet will now form part of the toilet cleaning contract.
- The playground equipment contribution in this cost centre will be used in the new year, to fund replacement equipment at the park and/or Ayr Field.

1.8 Richmond Park/Gardens

- All expenditure in line with the budget.

1.9 NEW COST CENTRES – Trewartha Estate Recreation Ground, Ayr Park and Playing Field

- New budgets have been set up for the above assets as they are devolved.
- New bins have been placed at Ayr Park.

1.10 Open Spaces (Others)

- Two invoices for Footpath Cutting have been paid to the contractor and Cornwall Council will be invoiced accordingly for the works. The Council secured additional funding for extra cuts.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is RECOMMENDED – that subject to any comments or amendments, the Committee NOTES the report and any actions therein.

St Ives Town Council
C&E Committee
Detailed Budget Summary
All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2026 and 31/03/2027)

500 Allotments

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1700	Allotment Plot Rent	8,421		Revision reduced re increase notifications prices held, 25-26 1.5 x increase	8,421		8,781	
1705	Allotment M/Ship	-		Received on behalf of the Allotment Association	-		-	
1706	Allotment Admin Fee	80			80		90	
4088	Miscellaneous (500)		2,000	Increased maintenance work, fencing & clearance. Fencing of plots 26/27 & 27/28		3,000		4,000
4750	Allotment (Site Provision)		2,800	Lease review date 2025		2,800		2,800
4755	Allotment M/Ship Expd		-	Fees received and paid to the Allotment Association		-		-
4751	Allotment Reserve Allocation		3,000	Contribution to a future potential site		3,000		3,000
	SUB TOTAL	**8,501**	**7,800**		**8,501**	**8,800**	**8,871**	**9,800**

600 Civic / Hospitality

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1211	Other Income (600)	500		Admin charge to Chard Trust	500		500	
4116	Printing & Advertising (600)		600	Costs of public notices, etc		600		600
4800	Hospitality - Christmas		1,680	Electricity, Trees (£1,170 in 2026), Christmas Cards, visits, etc		1,680		1,750
4802	Day Care Centre Contribution		5,000	Partnership fund going forward		5,000		-
4803	St Ives Archive Contribution		-	Free Rental of Market House in lieu of rent future years		-		-
4804	September Festival Contribution		2,000	Partnership fund going forward		2,000		-
NEW	Partnership Grant Fund		-	Fund for Core Grants		-		20,000
4805	Hospitality - Community		3,255	Remembrance (£700), Feast (£2200) to now include road closure/marshalls/first aid & Civics (£600), Star Awards		3,255		3,750
4807	Contribution to Cultural, Social & Comm EM		500	Contribution to Cultural, Social & Comm EMR from Chard Trust income		500		500
4810	Hospitality - Mayor Choosing		5,150	Mayor choosing c£1k + Mayor's Dinner c£4k		4,500		5,350
4815	Mace Bearers		300	Increase 2026-27		300		300
4820	Mayor's Allowance		3,400	Increase 2026-27		3,400		3,400
4825	Mayor's Photos & Painting Rest		250	5% increase to actuals		250		250
4826	Art & Regalia Reserve		1,500	To fund Dual Form renovation work every 3 years, etc		1,500		2,500
4830	New Year		7,000	Inrease in 2026-27 for New Year event support		7,000		8,000
4956	Kite Fest provision	-	2,000	Annual contribution the the Kite Festival	-	2,000	-	2,000
4828	Knill Celebrations		4,500	Next Knill 2031-32		4,500		-
	SUB TOTAL	**500**	**37,135**		**500**	**36,485**	**500**	**48,400**

650 Amenities & Public Realm

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1209	In Bloom Contributions (650)	9,756		BID contribution to In Bloom costs continue	9,822		10,376	
1760	Benches	49,875		22 benches in 26-27, 20 in 27-28	49,875		38,000	
1801	PSPO Inc (650)	7,200		Based on previous	7,200		8,000	
4716	Benches - purchases		-	Final batch of 24 'St Ives Blue Benches'		18,250		-
4715	Maintenance of Benches		2,400	Lower cost in future years as new & easier to maintain stock		2,400		2,400
4900	Disposal of Green Waste		300	Minimal as in previous years		300		300
4905	In Bloom Costs		19,574	Agreed increase 2026/27, % increase going forward		17,694		18,579
4910	Street Weeding		6,069	2025-26 qoute 2 sprays @ £2976 per spray + %increase		5,792		6,082
4915	Public Space Protection Order		15,560	Equivalent hours as previous years and %age increase going forward		17,500		18,375
4920	Youth Project Reserve		7,500	Increased activities with Youth Section		7,500		10,000
	SUB TOTAL	**66,831**	**51,403**		**66,897**	**69,436**	**56,376**	**55,735**

655 Trewyn Gardens

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1611	Income - Rent/Hire (655)	-			-		-	
4357	Repairs & Maintenance 655)		-	Planters, Tree works 2026-27 & 2027-28 - possible use of CIL funds		7,000		13,000
4358	Electricity (655)		750			500		750
4359	Water (655)		250			100		250
4374	Waste Management (665)		2,360	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		1,650		2,360
4379	Grounds Maintenance (665)		27,223	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		28,283		29,697
4092	CCTV Maintenance		200	Camera maintenance allocation		975		200
4407	Building Compliance (655)		250			250		250
4447	Business Rates - Trewyn (655)		855			855		855
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**31,888**		**-**	**39,613**	**-**	**47,362**

660 War Memorial Gardens

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts	REVISED 2026-27 Payments	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments
NEW	Income - Rent/Hire (660)	-		Pop-Up shelter	-		-	
4430	Waste Management		2,360	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		2,360		2,478
4431	Repairs & Maintenance		750	Shelter refurb from CIL		750		750
4432	Grounds Maintenance		25,255	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		26,322		27,638
4516	Professional Fees		500			500		500
4433	Utilities	-	750		-	750	-	750
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**29,615**		**-**	**30,682**	**-**	**32,116**

665 Chy An Gweal Gardens

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
NEW	Income - Rent/Hire (665)	-			-		-	
4517	Repairs & Maintenance		1,500			750		1,000
4378	Waste Management (665)		2,360	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		2,360		2,478
4381	Grounds Maintenance (665)		19,917	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		20,529		21,555
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**23,777**		**-**	**23,639**	**-**	**25,033**

670 The Island & Man's Head

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1247	Income - Rent/Hire (670)	1,500		Video shoot + NCI rent.	1,500		300	
4376	Repairs & Maintenance		1,000	2027-28 to include levelling & tarmacing path to NCI lookout as requsted Feb-26 meeting (£9k)		1,000		10,000
4382	Waste Management (670)		7,085	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		7,085		7,439
4518	Grounds Maintenance (670)		2,963	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		3,056		3,209
	SUB TOTAL	**1,500**	**11,048**		**1500**	**11,141**	**300**	**20,648**

675 Longstone

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
NEW	Income - Rent/Hire (675)	-		Possible rent of Chapel	-		4,500	
4336	Repairs & Maintenance		-	Chapel & toilets		-		5,000
4519	Business Rates - Longstone (675)		2,000	2026-27 £4,104. Tenant to pay going forward		1,000		500
4522	Waste Management (675)		1,083	Install bins - Star Refuse to collect?		750		2,478
4523	Grounds Maintenance (675)		9,958	Cormac grounds maintenance SLA		6,322		19,917
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**13,041**		**-**	**8,072**	**4,500**	**27,895**

680 Barnoon Cemetery & Chapel

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1409	Income - Rent/Hire (680)	12,000		Chapel rent - Saints Funeral Services. Rent review due	12,000		12,000	
4524	Repairs & Maintenance		4,000	Topple Testing' every 5 years, repairs to wall, etc		3,000		5,000
4529	Business Rates - Barnoon (680)		4,115	2025-26 £4,035 - Tenant pays		-		-
4532	Waste Management (680)		2,362	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		1,500		2,362
4533	Grounds Maintenance (680)		21,045	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		19,817		20,663
	SUB TOTAL	**12,000**	**31,522**		**12,000**	**24,317**	**12,000**	**28,025**

685 Malakoff

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1765	Benches (685)	-		Amenities & Public Realm	-		-	
4542	Utilities (685)		-	Electricity		250		750
4543	Grounds Maintenance (685)		-	In Bloom costs		-		-
4544	Maintenance of Benches (685)		-	Amenities & Public Realm		-		-
4545	Repairs & Maintenance (685)		-			500		1,000
4546	Waste Management (685)		-	New bin		-		1,200
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**-**		**-**	**750**	**-**	**2,950**

700 Palemon Best

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts	REVISED 2026-27 Payments	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments
4341	Repairs & Maintenance (700)		3,250	Increased costs (not within Cormac Mgmnt fee) reflect additional sites & spaces. Bi-annual floodlight servicing required 2027-28 & 2029-30		3,250		5,500
4353	Electricity (700)		1,000	5% increase cover 2025-26 & 2026-27		500		1,000
4363	Water (700)		500	Palemon Best site		200		500
4373	Waste Management		6,308	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		9,600		10,080
4950	Grounds Maintenance & Inspections		11,810	Inspection & maintenance SLA costs Cormac. Skatepark costs.		11,810		12,000
4954	Park Improvements/Operational		6,000	Ageing equipment, includes cleaning of grafitti, etc		6,000		6,500
4960	Skatepark Project							
4965	Toilet Provision - Palemon Best		1,000	Waste disposal from WooWoo toilet		1,150		1,250
4966	Palemon Best CCTV Maintenance		150			650		700
4967	Playground Reserve Provision		35,000	To provide a sufficient reserve for future equipment purchases - increased from £20k. INCREASE?		35,000		35,000
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**65,018**		**-**	**68,160**	**-**	**72,530**

705 Richmond Park

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
4970	Waste Management		2,362	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		3,600		3,780
4971	Repairs & Maintenance		1,000	Fencing, equipment, etc		1,000		1,100
4972	Grounds Maintenance		2,691	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		3,687		3,871
NEW	Professional Fees		-	Meiloci fees		-		-
NEW	Utilities		-			-		-
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**6,053**		**-**	**8,287**	**-**	**8,751**

710Trewartha Estate Recreation Ground

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
4534	Waste Management		2,362	Included in Phase 3 of the devolution programme - current target end 2026		800		2,480
4535	Repairs & Maintenance		1,000	Included in Phase 3 of the devolution programme - current target end 2026		500		1,250
4536	Grounds Maintenance		2,691	Included in Phase 3 of the devolution programme - current target end 2026		844		2,691
4537	Professional Fees		500	Included in Phase 3 of the devolution programme - current target end 2026		500		500
NEW	Utilities		-	Included in Phase 3 of the devolution programme - current target end 2026		-		-
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**6,553**		**-**	**2,644**	**-**	**6,921**

715 Ayr Park & Playing Field

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
4538	Waste Management		2,362	Star Refuse		1,000		2,480
4539	Repairs & Maintenance		1,000	Small maintenance jobs required around the area		700		1,250
4540	Grounds Maintenance		2,691	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		1,688		2,691
4541	Professional Fees		500			500		500
NEW	Utilities		-			-		-
	SUB TOTAL	**-**	**6,553**		**-**	**3,888**	**-**	**6,921**

720 Open Spaces (Other)

Code	Title	BUDGET 2026-27 Receipts Budget	BUDGET 2026-27 Payments Budget	Detail	REVISED 2026-27 Receipts Budget	REVISED 2026-27 Payments Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Receipts Budget	FORECAST 2027-28 Payments Budget
1750	Footpaths Income (LMP Grant)	2,757		5% increase applied to future years. Peroffer letter	2,757		2,840	
1755	Footpaths Income (SWCP Grant)	2,007		5% increase applied to future years. Per offer letter	2,007		2,067	
4120	Footpath Cutting (700)		4,764	Footpath Contractor (costs matching grant income)		4,764		4,907
4955	Open Spaces Operational		-	Nil in previous years, small open areas going forward		-		1,250
NEW	Waste Management		-	Star Refuse collections from 2025-26		-		-
4383	Grounds Maintenance		2,690	Cormac grounds maitenance SLA		1,500		2,691
NEW	Professional Fees		-			-		-
NEW	Utilities		-			-		-
	SUB TOTAL	**4,764**	**7,454**		**4,764**	**6,264**	**4,907**	**8,848**

St Ives Town Council
C&E Committee
3-Year Budget Summary Budget Summary

	BUDGET 2026-27		REVISED 2026-27		FORECAST 2027-28		FORECAST 2028-29		FORECAST 2029-30	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
500 Allotments	8,501	7,800	8,501	8,800	8,871	9,800	9,310	10,000	9,771	10,210
600 Civic / Hospitality	500	37,135	500	36,485	500	48,400	500	48,900	500	49,820
650 Amenities & Public Realm	66,831	51,403	66,897	69,436	56,376	55,735	54,095	57,673	42,760	59,932
655 Trewyn Gardens	0	31,888	0	39,613	0	47,362	0	38,030	0	39,733
660 War Memorial Gardens	0	29,615	0	30,682	0	32,116	0	33,872	0	35,453
665 Chy An Gweal Gardens	0	23,777	0	23,639	0	25,033	0	26,735	0	27,997
670 The Island & Man's Head	1,500	11,048	1,500	11,141	300	20,648	300	12,680	300	13,239
675 Longstone	0	13,041	0	8,072	4,500	27,895	4,500	27,015	4,500	28,191
680 Barnoon Cemetery & Chapel	12,000	31,522	12,000	24,317	12,000	28,025	12,000	28,176	12,000	29,386
685 Malakoff	0	0	0	750	0	2,950	0	3,000	0	3,000
700 Palemon Best	0	65,018	0	68,160	0	72,530	0	72,609	0	75,699
705 Richmond Park / Gardens	0	6,053	0	8,287	0	8,751	0	9,209	0	9,686
710 Trewartha Estate Recreation Ground	0	6,553	0	2,644	0	6,921	0	6,730	0	7,051
715 Ayr Park & Playing Field	0	6,553	0	3,888	0	6,921	0	6,730	0	7,051
720 Open Spaces (Others)	4,764	7,454	4,764	6,264	4,907	8,848	5,152	9,328	5,410	9,777
	94,096	**328,860**	**94,162**	**342,178**	**87,454**	**401,936**	**85,857**	**390,687**	**75,240**	**406,226**
Net Expenditure	**£**	**234,764**	**£**	**248,016**	**£**	**314,483**	**£**	**304,830**	**£**	**330,985**
%age Increase				**5.64%**		**26.80%**		**-3.07%**		**8.58%**

ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL: COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2026-27
Q3 2026-27 Programme

Committee Objectives:

- To improve the quality and number of community facilities in the parish
- To develop closer links with community initiatives and voluntary sector groups
- To respond to the declared climate change emergency

REF	ACTION	TARGET DATE	PROGRESS	LEAD	STATUS
Strategic Plan Priority 1: DELIVERING FOR THE COMMUNITY					
CE1	Progress Phase 2 of the Richmond Park Project	April 2027	Phase 1 play park has been delivered and practically completed. Funds for phase 2 need to be secured and orchard, planting and toilets progressed. This is dependent upon securing additional funding.	C&E, special projects officer	Amber
CE2	Produce an emergency plan for St Ives	Apr 2027	An initial draft of the Emergency Plan was developed but now needs to be reviewed, given the elapse of time. Proposal that this is expanded into a community resilience plan and work is progressed through the Climate Action Group.	Head of Operations/Town Clerk	Amber
CE4	Consider scope for interventions for voluntary forum for the Parish and explore direct commissions for partnership grant funding	April 2027	Voluntary sector forum launched. New core funding policy (partnership grant) developed. Scope now to explore additional collaborations including project funding and community newspaper.	Councillor Champions Town Clerk	Green

CE5	Seek to support the implementation of speed measures for Lelant	April 2027	Measures for Lelant have been identified. Pedestrian crossing and VAR signs negotiated as part of planning application PA25/01847. Bid for Fore Street crossing submitted as part of the community highway funding bids. Funding for a second pedestrian crossing has been potentially secured through planning gain.	Lelant Councillors / Town Clerk	Amber
CE.15	Prioritise and support a programme of initiatives which celebrate and preserve cultural and heritage for the parish	April 2027	Priorities include • On-going support for the cultural partnership and digital stories project – the cultural partnership project is thriving and has an active participation from local groups. • Support for the archive/museum and lodges – Work has continued to support the lodges through the management of rodent and pigeon infestation and progression of a long lease. • Secure the ownership of Sven Berlin's Tower. In principle approval has been granted for the devolution of Sven's Tower. This will require significant external investment. • feasibility study for the Huers Hut – This has been completed and an EOI for the delivery stage of the project is being submitted to external funders. • Crowd funding for the Treloyhan gate and Creseyde plaque	Special Projects Officer/Town Clerk	Green

Strategic Plan Priority 2: A GREENER CLEANER ST IVES					
CE6	Review the Council's Climate Change Action Plan and work with partners on initiatives for 2026-27	Nov 2026	The action plan has been reviewed and is approved in draft. A working group with refreshed membership from the community and business sector is being convened with dates due in November.	Climate Action Working Group/C&E Committee	Amber
CE7	Work with devolution panel to identify potential sites for an additional allotment space and link to project plans for community growing at Trewyn Gardens	April 2027	One potential site has been identified through devolution. Approval from the Environment Service is awaited. Other fallback options include allocation through the local plan, site purchase and the extension of the existing lease.	C&E Committee Devolution	Amber
CE8	Work with BID to take the lead on commercial waste reduction and innovative solutions. Re-procure a litter bin contract for Council owned sites for 2026-27 and prioritise innovation and best practice.	Dec 2026	A scoping meeting has been held to engage stakeholders, including Star Refuse, Suez and Bid. This meeting was to introduce parties and assess need and engagement. BID have developed a questionnaire, working with Suez to try and understand commercial need in the town with a view to reviewing the outcome with a newly constituted joint Working Group. Once need has been identified, the group will be able to propose, consider and support solutions.	C&E Committee	Green
CE9	Tender a new open spaces and grounds maintenance contract for devolved sites	Mar 2027	The specification has been drafted and an individual site management plan for all sites is being developed to fully inform the tender process.	C&E Committee	Green

CE.12	Commission tree surveys for Council owned sites and develop a tree management strategy.	Dec 2026	A tree management plan has been drafted for Trewyn Gardens and contractors are being sought to deliver it. However, the plans are complex and likely to cost more than has been budgeted, and so will be completed in 2 phases to mitigate the impact. Other sites have been identified for tree surveys to consider the long-term health of the spaces, but have not yet been commissioned.	Head of Operations	Green
Strategic Plan Priority 3: A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL ECONOMY					
CE10	Identify devolved green spaces and areas which could support local businesses and generate revenue exploring leasehold and pop up sites model.	April 2027	Work to make the structure of the memorial gardens shelter has begun, which includes replacement of significant amounts of the roof and supporting infrastructure. This has already generated public interest, and it is hoped that positive community engagement will help to inform the next steps for this space. The Malakoff and other open spaces have scope to support concessions. Porthmeor Bowling Club has a more complex arrangement and the licence granted to explore the option of a padel court has not been progressed. The decision for the next steps will be discussed at the expiry of the licence.	Devolution Panel Town Clerk.	Green

CE.13	Work with BID to identify funding to commission an upgraded wayfinding scheme for the Town Centre	Dec 2026	SITC and BID are seeking approval for funding through the Town Deal board in November. Should this not be secured, the scheme will not be progressed in the short to medium term.	Town Clerk.	Amber
Strategic Plan Priority 4: INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE					
CE3	Progress the delivery of the youth bus project for Palemon Best Park	Dec 2026	Phase one of the refurbishment works has been completed, and the bus has been moved to the site and secured. Work is planned to make the bus watertight in preparation for the winter and to allow further internal work to be finished. The second phase will be completed through in-house maintenance and engagement of local trades as necessary.	C&E Committee Head of Operations Yonkers team Deputy Town Clerk	Green
CE11	Work with the Community and progress play and green spaces plans within the overall devolution package. .	Mar 2027	Plans developing for Trewyn and Chy and Gweal and Barnoon to be delivered in 2026-27. Work to commence for Trewartha and Ayr in 2027-28	C&E Committee Officers	Green
CE12	Develop a programme of activity and events for young people in the parish through the youth team		Officers have been appointed and are in post As the bus is nearer completion, scheduling for its use can be considered in more detail. In the meantime, the Yonker's team have been working with the schools and supported the delivery of the summer activity programme. The team are also continuing with their level 3 youth work qualification.	Deputy Town Clerk/Yonkers	Green

CE.14	Secure funding for a new accessible roundabout for Palemon Best Park	Apr 2027	Funding bids have been submitted to two accessibility charities and decisions are awaited.	Special Projects Officer	Amber


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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS
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OUR COMMUNITY





- Our family and friends, our school, our local area, our common experiences, our shared interests e.g. music/sport/gaming
- What communities are you part of?
- Positive impact of community on us… A sense of inclusion/purpose/shared experience/common interests
- Enrichment- our enjoyment of life comes from our experiences and interactions with others around us

Our positive impact on community
Just by being kind we improve our own experiences and those of others around us

We can choose our level of interactions with community

We should actively participate
But not feeling pressure, sometimes we all need quiet time and rest

- to reboot and be ready to offer our energy to the people and things that we love.













Some people work in the community every day

Job roles in the community…

*Local Council *NHS-home visits in nursing e.g. speech therapy *Teachers * Volunteers * sports clubs * Police * Library staff * youth club workers *

Events create shared experiences, build community - The Orchard nature reserve – Apple days throughout the year

YONKERS - empowering and supporting young people to create local events and actively participate in and create community (people/purpose/place)

YONKERS!



ST IVES COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Community influences us and who we are, but we also have the power to build and influence our communities.
St Ives Community Orchard was started by people and keeps going because of people. Everything it offer comes from the people who are co creating that community. You could be a part of it – and help decide where the project goes in the future. Here is how to get involved.

ABOUT US - ST IVES COMMUNITY ORCHARD CIC

YONKERS POP-UP ART EXHIBITION



Would like to exhibit here?
A show by you and your peers?
A private view and a weeklong show?



4 shows a year

For ages 11 – 21 yrs

Each show is a weeklong

A private view

And a chance to show case your work

Look out for more information and how to show interest

Leach Pottery



OCTOBER HALF-TERM:

TINY TEAPOTS

Through hand-building methods, pinch a teapot into shape, form the lid, handle and attach the tiny spout that we have thrown for you.

Monday 26 October, 1.30-3pm St Ives Community Orchard

Thursday 29 October, 11-12.30 St Ives Community Orchard

Young Potter's Throwing

Find out how potters at Leach Pottery throw on a wheel. Watch how they use a potter's wheel as they talk through the process step by step and then have a try yourself.
Capacity: 5
Who for: 6-11 year olds.



THE BUS!













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Where is the bus going? .....



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THANKS FOR LISTENING

St Ives Town Council Animal Charter

St Ives Town Council

Introduction

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Through partnership working with residents, local organisations, businesses, and animal welfare groups, we aim to create a community where animals can thrive and where everyone understands their role in supporting animal wellbeing.
The Charter reflects our dedication to creating a safe, healthy, and environmentally responsible town.
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Fur:

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Seagulls and Coastal Wildlife

Seagulls are a valued part of our coastal environment and an important feature of our town's natural heritage and landscape.
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- Dispose of litter responsibly
- Refrain from feeding gulls, helping them maintain natural behaviours and reducing conflict with people.
- Provide advice on how to minimise theft of food from gulls

By understanding and respecting seagulls and other wildlife, we can promote peaceful coexistence and help protect the natural environment for future generations.
Our town is also fortunate to share its coastline with marine wildlife, including seals, which are an important and valued part of our natural heritage.
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This protection also includes avoiding leaving harmful litter on the beaches particularly during breeding and resting periods.

By supporting conservation efforts and raising awareness of marine wildlife welfare, we can help ensure we can maintain and protect levels of diversity that the St Ives coastline enjoys. The Council will support the Marine Wildlife Code of Conduct to avoid disturbance to marine life from water users.

Plastic Bags;
St Ives Town council will continue to minimise the use of single use plastics, including carrier bags and actively promote this within the town.
Working with partner organisations, the Council also encourages businesses to use biodegradable packaging, especially for food take-away outlets.
St Ives Town Council will work towards becoming a plastic bag free zone.

Marine conservation:
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The Council will support the Seashore Code to protect seashore life, keep the beaches clean and enjoy the coast in a safe but fun manner. The Council will support local businesses in the use of local, sustainably caught seafood which helps conserve fish stocks and ensures continued support for the sustainable fishing fleet.

Foie Gras and Veal:
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ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL

WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP ACTION PLAN

AUGUST 2026

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Introduction

St Ives Town Council shares the concerns of the local community, businesses and other stakeholder groups about poor and worsening waste management in the town. Poor practices are resulting in an exponential increase in rats and vermin, littering and fly tipping, dirty streets, impacting on the public realm, quality of life for residents and ultimately the reputation of the town and its visitor economy.

The Waste Working Group has been formed to find solutions and improve practices. It aims to do this by providing strategic direction and leadership, working in partnership with statutory agencies and stakeholders, raising awareness and promoting practical measures, whilst exploring and seeking to deliver a long-term pioneering solution to what is a contentious and high-profile concern.

The Problem

Many businesses operate from buildings originally designed as fishermen's stores, cottages or small retail units, making waste management and recycling difficult. The change in the use of buildings and the significant increase in the population over the increasingly extended holiday season, creates massive pressure on infrastructure that was never designed or intended to facilitate such intense year-round use.

Furthermore, St Ives was not designed for modern volumes of commercial waste. Much of the town centre consists of historic buildings, narrow lanes and densely packed properties with little or no dedicated space for refuse storage and little access to facilitate the frequent collection that is so much needed.

Adding to the pressures, holiday accommodation also generates substantial waste. Smaller cottages and converted buildings currently used for holiday accommodation were not designed for multi stream recycling collections and the ad hoc nature of the building occupancy. This places additional pressure on already congested streets where commercial bin storage is limited.

Historic and forthcoming changes in legislation are further driving change in the behaviour of landlords and business owners, and at this time of change, the Waste Working Group is in a position to support businesses and their migration to compliance with

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environmental legislation, working with the support of BID, Cornwall Council and trusted partners to support the objectives of the Waste Working Group.

Background

The Town Council has received representations from a number of key stakeholders through both Full Council and through the Community and Environment Committee . Local Councils have numerous powers and strong links with their communities, working at the most local level of Government. They are uniquely placed to work at grass roots community level and there are many examples of local councils delivering exciting local projects to do their bit. But in developing an action plan for the Town Council, it is important to be clear about what Town and Parishes can achieve on their own and in partnership and to set achievable and realistic goals.

There are a number of complex and inter linked issues, alongside historic developments that have contributed to the waste problems St Ives sees today.

1. Current infrastructure

Challenges include:

- Limited space for commercial bins behind restaurants, cafés and takeaways.
- Waste bags often being stored temporarily on streets and alleys.
- Increased risk of litter, vermin and odours during peak summer periods.
- Difficulties separating food waste, glass, cardboard and general waste in confined premises.
- Seasonal surges in waste generation from visitors and holiday accommodation.

Cornwall Council identifies resource and waste management as a significant county-wide challenge, with increasing emphasis on food waste collection, recycling and waste reduction targets. [cornwall.gov.uk]

2. Growth of the Food and Hospitality Sector

Over the last three decades St Ives has experienced substantial growth

- Restaurants
- Cafés

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- Takeaway businesses
- Bars and pubs
- Holiday accommodation

This has transformed the local economy and supported employment, but it has also increased:

- Commercial deliveries.
- Food waste production.
- Glass and packaging waste.
- Demand for storage space.
- Servicing requirements in the town centre.

3. Narrow Streets and Access Constraints

Perhaps the most visible challenge is the nature and lay out of the town – streets were created centuries before commercial logistics.

- Refuse vehicles struggling to access certain locations.
- Delivery vehicles blocking roads and pedestrian routes.
- Limited opportunities for loading and unloading.
- Safety concerns where pedestrians, delivery vehicles and service vehicles compete for space.

As visitor numbers increase during peak seasons, these pressures become more severe.

4. Seasonal Tourism Pressure

The population of St Ives increases dramatically during summer months and school holidays.:

- Higher volumes of litter.
- Increased commercial waste generation.
- Greater demands on public bins.
- More street cleansing requirements.
- Pressure on collection schedules.

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WHAT ACTION CAN WE TAKE?

As a Town Council, we have few legal obligations to deliver waste management solutions. However, the Town Council works closely with the stakeholders and is able to play a local leadership role, co ordinate work streams, engaging the community and businesses, providing strategic oversight and support. It can also act as fund raiser, seeking external investment and match funding, especially in relation to th delivery of innovative solutions to waste reduction targets. It also has a role as a land owner and this might include sites which can help in active management of waste.

HOW CAN WE WORK WITH OTHERS?

In addition, to direct interventions, even at local level Town Councils can work with others, using a wide range of tools; innovation, partnership and fundraising to achieve far more.

- Governance: It can ensure that compliance with existing and emerging waste legislation is a consideration in the decisions it makes on a range of issues
- Leadership: It can lead by example, employing best environmental practice with regard to waste management at all Town Council sites.
- Funding: it can support where possible securing additional funding or signpost it to others to help meet objectives set.
- Procurement: It can commission a waste services procurement framework to support the needs of businesses across the parish regardless of size or nature.
- Influencing: It can add its voice to others, seeking to influence change at local level, through partnership or at national level, for example to shape the service standards of a new municipal waste contract with Cornwall Council or deliver a public awareness raising campaign .
- Partnership and Innovation: It can work with partners, to develop innovation solutions to meet a range of inter dependent complex issues which can be delivered even at the most local level, in particular the management of food waste in the town.

WHERE ARE WE NOW ?

In order to deliver an action plan, the Council needs to understand the baseline information. This will help us focus on areas which will make most difference.
Information is more qualitative than quantitative however, the following has been determined;

- Inadequate storage for commercial bins
- No co ordinated action plan across businesses and residents

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- Inadequate size and/or infrequent emptying of public litter bins
- Inadequate food waste collection infrastructure
- Inadequate separation of waste streams to promote application of the waste hierarchy
- Visible evidence of rats in town, in and around inadequately stored food waste.

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

We need to be in a position where the streets of St Ives are litter and vermin free. Commercial bins maintain capacity and provide little attraction for pests and vermin.
Businesses should have a plan for compliant waste management, with all opportunities for effective recycling explored and exploited.
The public and Summer visitors understand that the public realm is important and should be protected and littering and fly tipping are unacceptable.
Municipal waste bins should be of the right quality and specification and should be emptied at the right frequency.
We would like to set up an infrastructure that is sustainable and easy to navigate by default.

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ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL WASTE ACTION PLAN

Theme: Waste Collection						
ACTION	OBJECTIVE	LEAD ROLE	Resources	TIMESCALES	Notes	STATUS
Meet with waste contractors to establish what opportunities exist for collaboration with smaller, local waste companies to develop a tailored solution	To provide a framework for businesses to purchase waste and recycling services that promote the objectives of the plan	Town Council / BID	Procurement costs and professional fees	QUICK WIN	Initial meeting has been held with stakeholders to scope the potential for a collaboration. Both small and large company attended the meeting and subject to interest of local businesses, both parties were open to the proposal to develop the plan.	In progress
Explore the development of a waste framework to consider the option around seasonal, responsive separate food waste collections.	To reduce the amount of food waste in town	Town Council	Procurement activities	QUICK WIN	As set out above, the development of the framework is dependent on the engagement levels of the businesses. This is being determined through a survey distributed via BID.	
Work with Cornwall Council and BID to identify scope for a new public litter bin specification, to provide a secure vermin free product and potentially a compressing function and identify funding to deliver a solution.	To minimise waste volumes in public litter bins and reduce scope for access by vermin	Town Council Cornwall Council BID BIFFA	Potentially a capital investment contribution to replacement bins	SHORT TERM	Consideration for 2027 season. Cornwall Council have responded to the request for engagement and they will be asked to attend the next stakeholder meeting.	

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Continue to invest in bins on Council land to ensure adequate provision and maintain a specification which is vermin proof and maintain a responsive collection regime.	To lead by example To enhance provision To reduce vermin activity	Town Council	On-going capital and revenue investment. Bins can be funded through CIL contributions	SHORT TERM	The provision of litter bins is currently being assess through the budget process.	

Theme: Business Engagement and Culture Change

ACTION	OBJECTIVE	LEAD ROLE	RESOURCES	TIMESCALES	NOTES	STATUS
Engage with BID and local businesses to develop co-ordinated action. Possible options to be explored are • a local awareness raising campaign • sign up to a waste charter • complete a survey of waste management requirements • awareness raising and training around rat and vermin control • Proactive enforcement by Cornwall Council	To pave the way for change and foster a culture of change	BID	BID Staff resources Printing and advertising Training Vermin control resources	SHORT TERM	To take place at the end of the season. BID have just circulated a survey to all businesses to determine requirements. The outcome will inform the solution to be proposed.	
To appoint champions within the business sector to provide support and good practice.	To provide a network of support and shared experiences	Town Council	BID and Town Council	SHORT TERM	To take place at the end of the season following the completion of the survey.	

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Work with Cornwall Council to develop a package of measures to improve compliance and commercial waste management including Awareness raising and training around changes in waste legislation and provide support to businesses' legal obligations Health issues around food waste in hospitality and food premises. Proactive enforcement	To secure engagement at an early stage and help maintain compliance	Cornwall Council business regulatory services Town Council	Admin costs	SHORT TERM	Cornwall Council will be engaged and will be asked to attend the next stakeholder group meeting. This should include both waste management and environmental health experts.	
Review licensed areas for commercial bins and scope for better management. Develop a design and build secure bin storage on Council and other sites on an invest to save basis, funded by licence fees. Identify other sites to contribute to improved waste management.	To improve visual impact and minimise food sources for vermin supporting a food waste separation culture and improved bin capacity and housekeeping	Town Council	Admin costs Capital investment	Medium Term	St Ives TC is working on plans to build secure adequate bin storage compounds for the benefit of businesses. Further sites are being considered alongside rationalisation of bins to improve food waste segregation and removal, reducing general waste bin requirements.	
Meet with accommodation agencies to explore scope to jointly fund and lobby for better services and support information and material to Summer visitors and landlords on waste management	Ensure landlords are aware of their responsibilities Seek additional funding Raise awareness amongst visitors of the impact of waste and vermin	BID		Quick Win	In progress.	

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Theme: Public Realm - Litter Infrastructure and Pest Control

ACTION	OBJECTIVE	LEAD ROLE	RESOURCES	TIMESCALES	NOTES	STATUS
Undertake a review of litter bin collection/emptying arrangements and bin receptacles including scoping street cleaning and emptying patterns and resources and explore with Cornwall Council and their provider BIFFA any room for improvements	To understand existing provision and seek to influence and shape new contracts	Town Council Cornwall Council BIFFA	Admin resources	QUICK WIN	Following the end of the half term holiday, there will be a full suite of data covering the whole holiday season for evaluation. This will take place at the end of the half term period.	In progress
Review of existing bins and possible programme of replacement on a worst first basis. Complete an options appraisal or new receptable and scope for compressing bins (big belly) and seek to conclude a new trial. Create a proposal to consider joint funding to support the options appraisal.	To reduce litter and food as a food source for pests and vermin	Town Council / Cornwall Council BID	capital resources required or rental fees. Scope to seek sponsorship or external funding for a pilot.	MEDIUM TERM	To be started	
Work with key landowners, including GWR, Transport for Cornwall, the beach operators and St Austell ales and lobby for joint action to reduce litter and vermin activity.	To seek landowner buy in and possible jointly funded solutions.	Influencing Others	Revenue funds required	LONG TERM	Work has started on the lodges to manage the vermin infestation, with a really positive outcome. Anecdotal feedback suggests activity has already significantly reduced and this is a solid basis from which to build.	

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Develop measures to focus on rat infestation including Awareness raising with businesses on good management Commission a single pest control provider to map hotspots, ensure proactive management visits and a whole systems reduction strategy (secure bins, collections, regular checks, baiting) Work with Cornwall Council to actively monitor and manage pest infestation following implementation of remedial actions.	To raise awareness Enhance management practice Increase vermin control activity	Influencing Others	Revenue funds to commission pest control	SHORT TERM	Cornwall Council will be present at stakeholder meetings and it is anticipated that they will actively support vermin control as part of a package of wider measures. This plan can be developed during or after the development of the waste framework which will help to address the issue of food sources.	

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Waste Working Group

Thursday 6th August 2026
6pm

Committee Room, The Guildhall, St Ives Town Council

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P Kennedy
S McNamee
M Van Staeyen

Officers

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Premises and Operations Manager

Agenda

1. Election of a Chair
   Cllr MacNamee unanimously voted as group Chair

2. Apologies for absence
   None

3. Terms of Reference
   The working group debated the proposed scope, to inform its terms of reference. It agreed that it was important that the group's remit was broad in scope and reflected the following areas:

   i) Commercial waste issues and solutions
   ii) Public litter bins and street cleansing
   iii) Measures to reduce and effectively manage vermin
   iv) Littering and fly tipping issues, including in relation to beaches and public messaging

   It also agreed that, to reflect the breadth of the scope, partners be invited to join (to include the first instance St Ives BID and Cornwall Council). As solutions were explored, it might also be useful to include business and contractor representatives.

   RESOLVED that membership of the group be extended to partners and draft terms of reference be prepared, to be reviewed at the next meeting of the group, reflecting the extended membership, as set out.

4. Meeting frequency
   To be determined following the meeting with third party contractors.

5. Key Issues and solutions

The group discussed a wide range of issues, originating from the feedback received by the community and stakeholders around waste, vermin, litter and waste storage. It was agreed that the aim of the group should be broad in scope, to make the parish vermin and, (so far as is reasonably practicable), rubbish free.

Key issues the group wished to address included:

- Food waste from commercial and public litter bins as a draw for vermin
- The frequency of commercial collections, lack of bin storage and sites
- The quality and condition of bin receptacles including commercial bins, lack of locks, degraded and aging public litter bins
- A lack of understanding about the performance of the current municipal contract and what it delivered eg – the frequency of street cleansing
- Poor public behaviour amongst some Summer visitors
- Beach cleanliness, single use plastics and hazardous waste including barbecues and glass.

It was acknowledged that, whilst the Council did not have statutory responsibilities in waste management and environmental protection, there was a significant appetite for the Town Council to play a leadership role, in the absence of others, facilitating through partnership, providing strategic direction, influencing statutory providers and businesses and promoting innovative and practical solutions.

It was widely agreed that it would be important to work to continue to develop existing relationships and to foster new relationships with partners that could help provide solutions in the short and medium term.

An inherent part of the success of these proposals would be to foster effective working relations with Cornwall Council and businesses with an appetite to present workable solutions to issues that are unique to Cornish towns.

Possible solutions included

- New public litter bins, including compressor bins
- Frequent commercial collections to remove waste from site
- Lockable well designed bin stores on key sites
- Public awareness and anti-littering campaigns
- A compact and buy in from business with a package of incentives and deterrents
- More proactive enforcement
- A new procurement route for waste management
- Innovative solutions to food waste
- Taking the lead on the Council's own land
- Scope to influence the negotiation of the next municipal waste contract.

6. Actions and Next Steps

The group agreed the following actions and next steps:

i. Arrange a meeting with local and national waste management contractors to explore scope for an innovative approach to commercial waste, in line with the waste framework developed in Bath and NE Somerset. (including food waste and considering seasonal flexibility. This could be accessed by local businesses and support the need to get putrescible waste out of the town on a timely basis, reducing the food source for vermin.

ii. Work with BID to secure proactive engagement from businesses, with a meeting scheduled for early September to explore appetite for change. Include high level outputs from early waste contractor meeting. Secure champions in the town across the sector to show best practice and change the existing culture.

iii. Establish a multi-agency partnership with businesses, Cornwall Council and other stakeholders, to include the possibility of sponsorship and shared costs.

iv. Review current public litter bin arrangements and lobby for new bins and investment, to include options around 'big belly' bins emptying schedule and vermin proof design.

v. Engage with Cornwall Council to encourage monitoring of activity within the town.

vi. Explore the role of the Council's own sites and management of other local sites to develop secure and attractive bin stores, funded by licences

vii. Explore collective arrangements, advice and reporting for rats.

The group agreed that an action plan be developed, to consider the points above in more detail, and identify both quick wins and longer term solutions.

An initial exploratory meeting would be held with waste providers and business representatives with the initial feedback brought back to inform the next meeting of the group, to resolve the terms of reference, agree the action plan and solutions.

Waste Management Working Group

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Waste Working Group has been established to provide strategic leadership to support the management of issues raised in St Ives relating to litter, waste management and the associated environmental factors arising from seasonal pressures in the town.

1. The objectives of the Working Group are to:

   i. To work with waste operators to develop a framework, enabling businesses to actively manage their waste collections and reduce the number of overflowing bins and reduce food waste stored in the town.

   ii. To work with Cornwall Council to develop a whole town approach to proactive management of rats in and around commercial, public and residential spaces.

   iii. To work with businesses to consider the placement and management of licenced spaces for commercial wheelie bins.

   iv. Liaise with the principal authority, contractors, businesses, community groups, and residents on a regular basis to assess the success of the group and to inform ideas for improvement.

   v. Develop further recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Town Council.

   l. To promote solutions around beach cleanliness and proactive litter bin management, including exploration of options around bin design better suited to the needs of the town.

2. Membership

   i. Membership shall consist of up to 5 councillors including ex-officio members appointed annually by the Council. The quorum of the subgroup shall be 4 members and no fewer than 3 Councillors.

   ii. The Council may appoint non-voting co-opted members where specialist knowledge or community representation would be beneficial.

   iii. The Mayor or Chair of the relevant committee may be an ex-officio member.

   iv. The Town Clerk or designated officer shall provide administrative support.

3. Chair

i. The Chair shall always be a Councillor and will be elected at the first meeting of the group following Annual Council.

ii. In the Chair's absence, members present shall elect a Chair for that meeting.

4. Voting

i. All members of the group may vote and participate at a meeting in line with standing orders.

ii. Non-panel member Councillors may attend and participate but not vote.

iii. In the case of an equal vote the Chair of that meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

5. Declarations of Interest

i. All Councillors must declare interests on agenda items in line with the Code of Conduct

6. Meetings

i. Meetings shall be held as required, with a minimum of 3 working days' notice given.

ii. Meetings shall last no longer than 2 hours unless a resolution is passed to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes after which any business will be carried forward to the next meeting.

iii. Agendas and notes of meetings shall be circulated to members.

iv. The Group may invite officers, representatives of partner organisations, experts, or residents to attend meetings when appropriate.

7. Admission of Public and Press

i. The initial position should always be in favour of disclosure of as much information as possible about the decisions the Council, its committees and working groups and the minutes of the meetings will be published in full. However, the Public and Press will be not admitted to meetings.

ii. If the Panel is to consider a specific issue or concern related to a third party, it shall always seek to invite that party to the relevant meeting or part of the meeting. Where this is not possible, all decisions and relevant notes or minutes shall be provided in writing.

8. Minutes of meetings

i. The minutes of the meeting will be approved at the next meeting of the Panel. If the group does not meet before the next Full Council meeting the draft minutes will be presented at the Full Council meeting.

ii. Minutes or notes of meetings shall be made available to councillors.

iii. Recommendations requiring expenditure, policy decisions, or formal representations shall be referred to Council for approval.

9. Decision making

i. The group shall have decision making powers in relation to the strategic decisions required.

ii. In all other matters, the panel shall have the power to make recommendations to the Council's Community & Environment or Planning Committees in respect of consultations and policy development and shall have no remit to commit/spend.

iii. These will be recommended to the relevant Committee – either Community & Environment Committee, the F&GP Committee or the next Full Council as appropriate.

iv. The Town Council may not always be able to act upon the recommendations or advice provided and there is no formal obligation to do so.

St Ives Town Council
Cremated Remains Interment Policy Guidelines

St Ives Town Council

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide a clear, fair and consistent framework for considering requests for a new cremated remains plot and the addition of cremated remains to an existing plot. The guidelines recognise the cemetery's importance to local families, preserving its limited capacity for those with an established local connection.

Applications will be considered against the eligibility and priority criteria set out below and will remain subject to the availability of suitable space and the necessary permissions for interment.

Requests to inter cremated remains in an existing ashes plot or grave will be considered separately from applications for a new plot. They will be assessed by the Bereavement Service and the local residency and local connection criteria will not apply to these requests. Permission will remain subject to sufficient capacity within the existing plot, the necessary authority and consents for interment, and approval by the burials team.

2.0 Introduction

Barnoon Cemetery was transferred from Cornwall Council to St Ives Town Council on 1 July 2026. As the oldest burial ground in St Ives and the resting place of generations of local families, it is a much-loved and historic site. The Town Council is committed to improving the quality of the site and protecting its future management, safeguarding valued graves and memorials while retaining the area as an important open space.

Space for the interment of cremated remains is limited and must be managed carefully to meet the needs of the local community. As there is an open cemetery for the parish at Longstone, with significant capacity, and there is no additional capacity for new burial plots at Barnoon, its agreed status is an historic, closed cemetery apart from a limited number of additional cremated remains plots within an existing designated area on the site. This policy sets out how the Town Council will consider requests received for new cremated remains plots, giving priority to residents of the parish of St Ives and to those with strong family connections, particularly where family members are already buried at Barnoon.

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3.0 Three-Tier Allocation policy

To manage potential demand for a limited number of plots fairly, applicants will be classified in three groups. Local connection and lineal heritage will take precedence

3.1 Priority 1: Immediate Heritage & Continuity (Highest Priority)

- Direct Descendants: The applicant can prove a direct, lineal connection (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents) to someone already buried in the cemetery.
- Reopening Existing Family Plots: Permission will be granted for interring ashes within an existing family grave or cremated remains plot that has structural space remaining. - subject to approval by burials team.
- Spouses and Partners: Individuals whose legally recognised partner or spouse is already buried in the cemetery.

3.2 Priority 2: Long-Term Parish Residents

- Current Residency: The applicant must be a current resident of the parish and have lived there for a significant consecutive duration (10+ years).
- Historical Contribution: Former long-term residents who had to move away late in life for care or medical reasons but spent the majority of their life in the parish.

Priority 3: General Public (Lowest Priority)

- No Local Tie: People who admire the location but have no familial, historical, or residential ties to the parish.

We aim to Exclude Priority 3 for the next 5 years and review based on local demand from Priority 1 and 2 requests

To ensure fairness and transparency, the following protocols will be applied to all requests;

- To protect the historic landscape and archaeology, there will be no new full-earth burial plots created.
- To prevent a single family from purchasing the remaining space, a cap per family will apply, comprising one cremation plot per lineage.

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Cornish Language Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Town Council recognises the distinct identity of the Cornish nation and its responsibility to cherish, protect and promote its distinctive heritage, culture, and Kernewek as a living language.

Legal Context

In accordance with the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, the Council will promote, respect and use Kernewek within its functions, and in so far as is reasonable and practicable, comply with the obligations placed on local councils.

In accordance with the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, the Council fully supports the official recognition of the Cornish people as a national minority and will work to ensure that its people are not disadvantaged and that their distinct identity is respected within the framework of public policy and local government.

2. SCOPE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This policy sets out the Council's approach to meeting its obligations under the Charter and Framework Convention. It covers Council communications, Council owned land, buildings and assets, the celebration of local traditions, heritage and culture and Council-delivered activities and services. The Council will also encourage and promote partners and other local organisations to adopt a similar approach where the Council has a legal relationship, works in partnership or provides funding.

The Council fully commits to the policy's objectives and stated aims, whilst having regard to the resource implications, practicability and relevance. The Council undertakes to

- Make Cornish visible, welcoming and useful to residents and visitors.
- Maintain clear, accessible information for everyone, including people who do not speak Cornish.
- Encourage positive, voluntary participation and learning without any requirement or prescription for councillors, officers or residents.
- Use accurate Cornish and recognise Celtic, European and diaspora connections.
- Support councillors and staff through training and development to improve their knowledge and understanding.

3. IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY

To support the Policy, the Council undertakes to implement a number of specific policy commitments:

3.1 Partnerships and language development

The Council will

- Work with Cornwall Council's Cornish Language Office and language/community bodies to promote Kernewek, strengthen its national and international status, and support development resources.
- Within its powers and available resources, the Council will support cultural exchange, Celtic and diaspora links, creative activity and the language's contribution to the local economy.

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3.2 Written Standard and Translation Quality

The Council will

- Use Standard Written Form for new public and supported educational material, seeking advice before altering historic names or quotations.
- Public translations, titles, names and permanent signs will be checked by the Cornish Language Office or other authorised sources. Officers and councillors will use available translation support, where it is proportionate, practical and financially viable to do so.

3.3 Public Communications and Digital Presence

The Council will

- Add bilingual Cornish/English headings to its official documents through planned template updates. Other bilingual information will be introduced progressively, adopting a proportionate and practicable approach, having regard to available resources.
- Provide approved bilingual email signatures for councillors and officers, and positively promote greetings and everyday Cornish in public-facing work, meetings and civic occasions. Use will not be mandatory and fluency is not required.
- Use Cornish in appropriate website/social media content and provide language information and links to learning opportunities.

3.4 Correspondence And Participation

The Council will

- Accept Cornish correspondence and arrange translation support to understand and respond. Where a Cornish reply is requested, explain the arrangements and timescale, consistent with applicable requirements.
- Communications will always remain accessible to non-Cornish speakers and the use of Cornish will always be provided alongside English and an English translation to any Cornish usage will always be provided.

3.5 Signage and Street Naming

The Council will

- Where practicable, new/replacement signs on Council buildings, facilities and liveries uniform and vehicles will be bilingual. Implementation will be phased over time, as and when signs or livery is replaced.
- Promote and encourage appropriate Cornish street names through the Language Office and Cornwall Council Street Naming Service, following Cornwall Council's language and street-naming policies and formal approvals. It will continue to request local consultation on new street names and in all cases seeking the views of the Old Cornwall Society.
- Consider using its powers and resources to commission replacement signage for priority streets where there would, otherwise be insufficient resources to do so.

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3.6 Heritage, Visitor Experience, Arts and Environment

The Council will

- Promote and celebrate Cornish as part of interpretation and management of its heritage buildings and projects. It will include Cornish as part of welcoming visitors, to market and promote cultural projects.
- Include Cornish translations in civic and local events and official proclamations
- Review website content and include Cornish and Cornish heritage information in future revisions.
- Encourage and promote Cornish through local creative arts and community projects including through the Cultural Partners Group.

3.7 Community Learning and Events

The Council will

- Participate in and promote annual Speak Cornish Week (Sehun Kewsel Kernewek)
- Signpost language learning and use.
- Encourage voluntary introductory learning and pronunciation practice for councillors and officers.
- Promote and support learn Cornish initiatives through locally delivered services, for example in the Cornerstone and the stocking of books and material in Cornish through the library service.

3.8 Safety, Accessibility and Core Operations

- Emergency, safety, regulatory and compliance information shall always remain in English and will not be translated to ensure clarity.
- Accessible formats and readable presentation will be maintained at all times and should not be compromised by bi-lingual translations.

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The Lewes Tree Charter

Recognising the value of trees

- The right to life
- The right to flourish
- The right to respirate
- The right to healthy soil
- The right to water
- The right to be restored
- The right to representation
- The right to informed decisions
- The right to a precautionary and preventative approach
- The right to complete natural lifecycles

At the heart of the Charter is the recognition that trees are far more than landscape features. Trees are living organisms that support interconnected ecological communities and provide benefits that extend well beyond their economic value.

The Charter acknowledges that every tree possesses intrinsic worth and that decisions affecting trees should consider not only the condition of an individual tree, but also its relationships with surrounding soils, fungi, water systems, wildlife, neighbouring vegetation and wider habitat networks.

It also recognises the cultural, historical and community significance of trees, including their contribution to local identity, heritage, education, wellbeing and sense of place.

What does the Charter mean?

The adoption of the Charter does not create absolute, enforceable human-style legal rights for trees, nor does it prevent necessary tree works from taking place. Trees may still need to be felled or managed in circumstances involving public safety, responsible woodland management, biodiversity protection or other properly justified reasons. The Charter operates within the Council's existing statutory powers and does not override existing legislation.

What it does establish is a starting presumption of respect rather than viewing tree removal as the default or most convenient solution, the Charter encourages decision-makers to consider the interests of trees, explore less harmful alternatives, understand wider ecological impacts and clearly justify any unavoidable harm. In practical terms, it promotes better-informed, more balanced decision-making.

Understanding representation

One aspect of the Charter that has generated discussion is the concept of trees having a right to representation.

The Charter does not suggest that trees can speak, make decisions or provide instructions. Instead, representation means that when decisions are made that affect trees, someone should be responsible for advocating for their interests using arboricultural expertise, ecological evidence and local knowledge.

This principle is already well established in other areas of law and governance where the subject being represented cannot directly give instructions. It recognises that while trees cannot speak for themselves, their interests can still be considered when significant decisions are being made.

A practical action plan

The Charter is not simply a statement of principles. It includes a clear programme of actions designed to turn those principles into practical outcomes.
Lewes Town Council has committed to:

- Acting as a responsible guardian of trees on Council-owned and managed land.
- Integrating the Rights of Trees principles into relevant Council policies, strategies and decision-making processes.
- Supporting the development of a local Rights of Trees Strategy for Lewes.
- Encouraging and promoting tree guardianship and stewardship initiatives.
- Supporting community-led proposals to identify and protect ancient, veteran, culturally significant and future veteran trees.
- Applying precautionary and preventative approaches when considering matters that may affect trees.
- Raising public awareness of the Charter and its principles.
- Working with partners to strengthen the protection and long-term resilience of Lewes' tree population.
- The Council will also provide representation on the ROOTS working group, publish progress reports on agreed actions and ensure that information relating to the Charter's implementation is made publicly available.

Working with local partners

The Charter is the result of collaboration between a wide range of local organisations and individuals, including representatives from Lewes Town Council, Lewes Urban Arboretum, the Railway Land Wildlife Trust, Lewes Climate Hub, the University of Sussex Environmental Justice Law Clinic and other environmental experts and community groups.

Together, they are exploring a range of initiatives, including the development of a Rights of Trees Strategy, strengthened approaches to Tree Preservation Orders, the creation of tree guardianship arrangements and improved recognition of the ecological, cultural, historical and intrinsic value of trees.

The work also builds on Lewes Town Council's existing commitment to the Rights of the River Ouse Charter, further recognising the interconnected nature of ecosystems and the importance of environmental stewardship.
Looking to the future

The Charter encourages a more holistic understanding of trees and woodlands, recognising them as part of interconnected living systems rather than isolated organisms.

It calls for decisions to be informed by the best available scientific evidence while also recognising the value of local knowledge, lived experience and cultural heritage. This broader approach acknowledges that trees contribute not only to

biodiversity and environmental resilience, but also to community identity, heritage and wellbeing.

By adopting the Rights of Trees Charter, Lewes Town Council is taking an important step towards ensuring that trees are afforded greater consideration in the decisions that affect them and that their environmental, cultural and community value is recognised for generations to come.

As the Charter moves from principle to practice, the Council will continue working with residents, environmental organisations and local partners to develop practical measures that help safeguard and enhance Lewes' treasured trees, woodlands and green spaces for future generations.

St Ives Town Council

Appendix 10

Summary of Income & Expenditure 2026-2027

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/04/2026 and 31/03/2027)

500 Allotments

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1700	Allotment Plot Rent	8,421.00	-40.00	-8,461.00				-8,461.00	(-100%)
1705	Allotment M/Ship		40.00	40.00				40.00	(N/A)
1706	Allotment Admin Fee	80.00		-80.00				-80.00	(-100%)
4088	Allotment Expenditure (500)				2,000.00	2,206.10	-206.10	-206.10	(-10%)
4750	Allotment (Site Provision)				2,800.00	2,100.00	700.00	700.00	(25%)
4751	Allotment Reserve Allocation				3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	(100%)
4755	Allotment M/Ship Expd								(N/A)
	SUB TOTAL	**8,501.00**		**-8,501.00**	**7,800.00**	**4,306.10**	**3,493.90**	**-5,007.10**	**(-31%)**

600 Civic / Hospitality

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1211	Other Income (600)	500.00	-500.00	-1,000.00				-1,000.00	(-200%)
1214	Knill Celebrations Income		694.17	694.17				694.17	(N/A)
4079	Miscellaneous (600)								(N/A)
4116	Printing & Advertising (600)				600.00		600.00	600.00	(100%)
4800	Hospitality - Christmas				1,680.00	-27.70	1,707.70	1,707.70	(102%)
4802	Day Care Centre Contribution				5,000.00	5,000.00			(0%)
4803	St Ives Archive Contribution								(N/A)
4804	September Festival Contribution		-2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00		(0%)
4805	Hospitality - Community				3,255.00	1,097.40	2,157.60	2,157.60	(66%)
4806	Contribution to Cultural, Social& C				500.00		500.00	500.00	(100%)
4807	Contribution to Cultural, Social & C								(N/A)
4810	Hospitality - Mayor Choosing				5,150.00	4,394.62	755.38	755.38	(15%)
4815	Mace Bearers				300.00		300.00	300.00	(100%)
4820	Mayor's Allowance				3,400.00	1,624.87	1,775.13	1,775.13	(52%)
4825	Mayor's Photos & Painting Rest				250.00	105.50	144.50	144.50	(58%)
4826	Art & Regalia Reserve				1,500.00	4,312.08	-2,812.08	-2,812.08	(-187%)
4827	Consols Pool maintenance fund								(N/A)
4828	Knill Celebrations				4,500.00	3,035.33	1,464.67	1,464.67	(33%)
4829	Town Twinning								(N/A)
4830	New Year				7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	(100%)
	SUB TOTAL	**500.00**	**-1,805.83**	**-2,305.83**	**35,135.00**	**19,542.10**	**15,592.90**	**13,287.07**	**(37%)**

650 Amenities & Public Realm

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1209	In Bloom Contributions (650)	9,756.00		-9,756.00				-9,756.00	(-100%)
1616	Income - Youth Project (650)		5,525.00	5,525.00				5,525.00	(N/A)
1760	Benches (650)	49,875.00	7,980.00	-41,895.00				-41,895.00	(-84%)
1801	PSPO Inc (650)	7,200.00	8,250.00	1,050.00				1,050.00	(15%)
4089	Trewyn Licence (650)								(N/A)
4107	Professional Fees (650)								(N/A)
4318	Business Rates (650)								(N/A)
4406	Building Compliance (650)								(N/A)
4701	Tools & Equipment (650)								(N/A)
4706	Uniform (650)								(N/A)

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4715	Maintenance of Benches				2,400.00	1,915.88	484.12	484.12	(20%)
4716	Benches - Purchase					4,850.00	-4,850.00	-4,850.00	(N/A)
4900	Disposal of Green Waste				300.00	49.05	250.95	250.95	(84%)
4905	In Bloom Costs				19,574.00	7,600.02	11,973.98	11,973.98	(61%)
4910	Street Weeding				6,069.00	2,976.00	3,093.00	3,093.00	(51%)
4915	Public Space Protection Order		-350.00	-350.00	15,560.00	12,871.82	2,688.18	2,338.18	(15%)
4920	Youth Project				7,500.00	871.03	6,628.97	6,628.97	(88%)
	SUB TOTAL	**66,831.00**	**21,405.00**	**-45,426.00**	**51,403.00**	**31,133.80**	**20,269.20**	**-25,156.80**	**(-21%)**

655 Trewyn Gardens

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
4092	Trewyn CCTV Maintenance				200.00	972.50	-772.50	-772.50	(-386%)
4374	Waste Management (655)				2,360.00	721.13	1,638.87	1,638.87	(69%)
4379	Grounds Maintenance (655)				27,223.00	15,483.95	11,739.05	11,739.05	(43%)
4384	Repairs & Maintenance (655)					596.00	-596.00	-596.00	(N/A)
4446	Business Rates - Trewyn (655)				855.00	525.62	329.38	329.38	(39%)
4512	Electricity				750.00		750.00	750.00	(100%)
4513	Water				250.00		250.00	250.00	(100%)
4514	Building Compliance				250.00		250.00	250.00	(100%)
	SUB TOTAL				**31,888.00**	**18,299.20**	**13,588.80**	**13,588.80**	**(43%)**

660 War Memorial Gardens

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
4430	Waste Management				2,360.00	982.26	1,377.74	1,377.74	(58%)
4431	Repairs & Maintenance (660)				750.00	512.00	238.00	238.00	(32%)
4432	Grounds Maintenance (660)				25,255.00	10,968.08	14,286.92	14,286.92	(57%)
4433	Utilities				750.00	230.34	519.66	519.66	(69%)
4516	Professional Fees				500.00		500.00	500.00	(100%)
	SUB TOTAL				**29,615.00**	**12,692.68**	**16,922.32**	**16,922.32**	**(57%)**

665 Chy An Gweal Gardens

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
4378	Waste Management (665)				2,360.00	982.26	1,377.74	1,377.74	(58%)
4381	Grounds Maintenance (665)				19,917.00	8,553.75	11,363.25	11,363.25	(57%)
4517	Repairs & Maintenance				1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	(100%)
	SUB TOTAL				**23,777.00**	**9,536.01**	**14,240.99**	**14,240.99**	**(60%)**

670 The Island & Man's Head

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
1247	Rental/Hire Income (670)	1,500.00	-137.50	-1,637.50				-1,637.50	(-109%)
4376	Waste Management (670)				7,085.00	3,531.64	3,553.36	3,553.36	(50%)
4382	Grounds Maintenance (670)				2,963.00	790.65	2,172.35	2,172.35	(73%)
4518	Repairs & Maintenance				1,000.00	447.04	552.96	552.96	(55%)

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SUB TOTAL	**1,500.00**	**-137.50**	**-1,637.50**	**11,048.00**	**4,769.33**	**6,278.67**	**4,641.17**	**(37%)**

675 Longstone

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
4519	Business Rates				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	(100%)
4522	Waste Management				1,083.00		1,083.00	1,083.00	(100%)
4523	Grounds Maintenance				9,958.00		9,958.00	9,958.00	(100%)
SUB TOTAL					**13,041.00**		**13,041.00**	**13,041.00**	**(100%)**

680 Barnoon Cemetery & Cha

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
1409	Income - Rent	12,000.00	4,327.50	-7,672.50				-7,672.50	(-64%)
4524	Repairs & Maintenance				4,000.00	180.00	3,820.00	3,820.00	(96%)
4529	Business Rates				4,115.00		4,115.00	4,115.00	(100%)
4532	Waste Management				2,362.00	276.10	2,085.90	2,085.90	(88%)
4533	Grounds Maintenance				21,045.00	9,777.15	11,267.85	11,267.85	(54%)
SUB TOTAL		**12,000.00**	**4,327.50**	**-7,672.50**	**31,522.00**	**10,233.25**	**21,288.75**	**13,616.25**	**(31%)**

685 Malakoff

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
1765	Benches (685)								(N/A)
4542	Electricity (685)					14.70	-14.70	-14.70	(N/A)
4543	Grounds Maintenance (685)								(N/A)
4544	Maintenance of Benches (685)								(N/A)
4545	Repairs & Maintenance (685)								(N/A)
4546	Waste Management (685)								(N/A)
SUB TOTAL						**14.70**	**-14.70**	**-14.70**	**(N/A)**

700 Palemon Best

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position	
Code	**Title**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	**Budgeted**	**Actual**	**Variance**	+/- Under/over spend	
1805	Skatepark Project Inc								(N/A)
4341	Repairs & Maintenance (700)				3,250.00	390.70	2,859.30	2,859.30	(88%)
4353	Electricity (700)				1,000.00	12.74	987.26	987.26	(99%)
4363	Water (700)				500.00		500.00	500.00	(100%)
4373	Waste Management (700)				6,308.00	3,955.67	2,352.33	2,352.33	(37%)
4950	Grounds Maintenance (700)				11,810.00	2,900.24	8,909.76	8,909.76	(75%)
4954	Park Improvements/Operational				6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	(100%)
4955	Open Spaces Operational								(N/A)
4960	Skatepark Project								(N/A)
4965	Toilet Provision - Palemon Best				1,000.00	391.98	608.02	608.02	(61%)
4966	Palemon Best CCTV Maintenance				150.00	464.28	-314.28	-314.28	(-210%)
4967	Playground Equipment Reserve Pr				35,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00	(100%)
SUB TOTAL					**65,018.00**	**8,115.61**	**56,902.39**	**56,902.39**	**(88%)**

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705 Richmond Park / Gardens

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
4970	Richmond Park - Waste Managem				2,362.00	1,473.39	888.61	888.61 (38%)
4971	Richmond Park - Repairs & Mainte				1,000.00	352.17	647.83	647.83 (65%)
4972	Richmond Park - Grounds Mainten				2,691.00	1,712.38	978.62	978.62 (36%)
	SUB TOTAL				**6,053.00**	**3,537.94**	**2,515.06**	**2,515.06 (42%)**

710 Trewartha Estate Recreati

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
4534	Waste Management				2,362.00		2,362.00	2,362.00 (100%)
4535	Repairs & Maintenance				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
4536	Grounds Maintenance				2,691.00		2,691.00	2,691.00 (100%)
4537	Professional Fees				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%)
	SUB TOTAL				**6,553.00**		**6,553.00**	**6,553.00 (100%)**

715 Ayr Park & Playing Field

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
4538	Waste Management				2,362.00		2,362.00	2,362.00 (100%)
4539	Repairs & Maintenance				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
4540	Grounds Maintenance				2,691.00		2,691.00	2,691.00 (100%)
4541	Professional Fees				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%)
	SUB TOTAL				**6,553.00**		**6,553.00**	**6,553.00 (100%)**

720 Open Spaces (Others)

		Income			Expenditure			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1750	Footpaths Income (LMP Grant)	2,757.00		-2,757.00				-2,757.00 (-100%)
1755	Footpaths Income (SWCP Grant)	2,007.00		-2,007.00				-2,007.00 (-100%)
4120	Footpath Cutting (720)				4,764.00	5,362.19	-598.19	-598.19 (-13%)
4383	Grounds Maintenance (720)				2,690.00	622.05	2,067.95	2,067.95 (77%)
4956	Kite Fest Contribution				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 (100%)
	SUB TOTAL	**4,764.00**		**-4,764.00**	**9,454.00**	**5,984.24**	**3,469.76**	**-1,294.24 (-9%)**

Restated **(N/A)**

NET TOTAL	**94,096.00**	**23,789.17**	**-70,306.83**	**328,860.00**	**128,164.96**	**200,695.04**	**130,388.21**
V.A.T.		2,682.52			20,874.70		
GROSS TOTAL		**26,471.69**			**149,039.66**		