

Subject: Cornwall Council

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Dear Clerk, Chairman and Councillors,

You are no doubt aware that there have been changes at Cornwall Council since the elections in May, I have been charged with asking all Town and Parish councils their views on Cornwall Council, what do you think needs changing? What do you think could be done better? How can we as the new administration make the changes that will benefit you and your communities?

I have been a Town and Parish Councillor, a District Council, a Town and Parish Clerk and now a Cornwall Councillor and because of my background and still working as a P/T Clerk our Leader, Linda Taylor asked me to try and get some feedback directly from you.

For instance:-

What are your views on Planning?

- * Do you think the Cornwall Council planning department and committee's listen to your comments?

- * What do you think could be done better?

What are your views on Devolution?

- * Has your Council devolved anything from Cornwall Council i.e. Toilets, Libraries etc, if so, are you satisfied?

What are your views on the waste and recycling?

- * Do you know the rates of recycling in your Town or Village?

- * Are you satisfied with your waste and recycling service?

What are your views on the Roads etc?

What are your views on Cornwall Housing?

Do you think there is enough affordable Housing?

What are your views on second homes?

- * Do you think the owners should pay more Council Tax?

- * What are your views on Second homes used as Holiday lets, registered as businesses to avoid paying rates and Council Tax?

What do you think Cornwall Council gets right?

How do you think Cornwall Council has handled the Corona-virus pandemic?

Please bear in mind that some of the issues you will raise may be covered by legislation and the council has to abide by those rules

This is just a small list and I am sure that you will have other questions and issues and we want to know your council's views and that of your parishioners.

I will be collating all answers and we will publish the details, good and bad, I am sure you will have issues other than the ones I have mentioned so please don't hold back, we want to know how we can improve you vision and experience of Cornwall Council.

We don't expect you to respond immediately as some council only meet monthly or by-monthly or only 3 times a year so this will be ongoing for at least 6 months and then we should have some idea of Town and Parish Councils views.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and we thank you in advance for any response you have, good or bad

Kind regards,

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