



GYLLYN WARBARTH
TOGETHER WE CAN

LOCALISM IN CORNWALL

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

**What matters most is
Localism's potential to
strengthen communities
and improve peoples' lives.**

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FOREWORD

“WHAT MATTERS MOST IS LOCALISM’S POTENTIAL TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVE PEOPLES’ LIVES”

As we emerge from the impact of Covid – 19, the volunteering response that we have witnessed has been truly awesome - definitely Localism in action.

The power of Localism has been the bedrock of Cornwall’s response to coronavirus. Just as thousands of daily acts of community kindness have helped people through lockdown, this spirit of Gyllyn Warbarth – Together We Can will aid Cornwall’s recovery and renewal from the pandemic.

Thousands of residents have shared their hopes for the Cornwall we want, and shaped our vision to be “leading in sustainable living for the wellbeing of future generations”. Everyone has a role to play to create the Cornwall we want. Over one in three residents have told us they want to help others in their community, and seven in ten people say they are willing to sustain changes to how they travel and work to benefit nature and tackle climate change. This strategy sets out how we will empower and work with compassionate communities across Cornwall to achieve our shared vision for the future.

This collective of community effort is something we must not lose. We must cultivate, support and develop it and ensure this energy and commitment continues.

I see the same commitment and passion within our communities tackling climate change, which needs the same support and cultivation.

As we focus on recovery and renewal and we embrace and establish the new normal, we must bounce forward not back and ensure that our commitment to Localism is at the heart of how we work with and support our communities to deliver our ambitions.

We must harness the learning from recent events. We must be bold and support the communities that have been so important during these difficult times. Our commitment to Localism outlined in this strategy will enable us to collectively deliver our ambitions.



Edwina Hannaford,
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RAGLAVAR

"AN DRA AN MOYHA A VERN YW GALLADOW LEELIETH DHE GREVHE KEMENETHOW HA GWELLHE BEWNANSOW A DUS"

Ha ni ow tos yn-mes a'n strokas a Covid-19, an gorthyp bodhegi re des'syn ni re beu marthys yn hwir – yn tevri, Leelieth owth oberi.

An gallos a Leelieth re beu an selven a worthyp Kernow dhe Goronavayrus. Poran kepar dell veu tus gweresys dres an termyn yn-dann naw alhwedh gans milyow a wriansow dedhyek a guvder kemenethek, an spyrys ma a Gyllyn Warbarth a wra gweres yaghheans ha nowydhys Kernow dhyworth an pandemik.

Milyow a anedhysi re gevrennas aga govenegow a'n Gernow a vynnyn ha re furvyas agan gwel dhe vos "ow ledya yn bewa sostenadow a-barth sewena henedhow devedhek". Pubonan a'n jeves rann y'n gwrians a'n Gernow a vynnyn. Moy ages onan yn mysk tri annedhyas re leveris dhyn y fynnonn gweres tus erel y'ga hemeneth, ha seyth yn mysk deg den a lever yth yns bodhek dhe besya gans chanjyow yn fatel viajyons hag oberi rag ri prow dhe natur hag attamya chanj hin. An strateji ma a dhiskwa fatel wren gallosegi hag oberi gans kemenethow tregeredhus a-hys Kernow rag drehedhes agan gwel gevrynnys rag an termyn a dheu.

An kesoberyans a strivyans kemeneth ma yw neppyth na res dhyn y gelli. Res yw dhyn y wonis, y skoodhya ha'y dhisplegya rag surhe dhe besya an nerth ha'n omrians ma.

My a wel an keth omrians ha passyon a-ji dh'agan kemenethow hag i owth attamya chanj hin, chalenj a'n jeves edhom a'n keth skoodhyans ha gonisogeth.

Ha ni ow fogella war yaghheans ha dasnowydhys ha ni ow pyrta ha fondya an normal nowydh, yth yw res dhyn a aslamma yn rag a-der a-dhelergh ha surhe bos agan omrians dhe Leelieth orth kolon an fordh may hwren ni skoodhya ha kesoberi gans agan kemenethow rag delivra agan ughelhwansow.

Res yw dhyn hernessya an dyskans dhyworth hwarvosow a-dhiwedhes. Res yw dhyn bos hardh ha skoodhya an kemenethow neb re beu mar bosek dres an termynow kales ma. Agan omrians dhe Leelieth hag yw linennys y'n strateji ma a wra agan gallosegi dhe dhelivra war-barth agan ughelhwansow.

Klres Edwina Hannaford
Synsyades Plegel Janj Hin
ha Kentrevethow



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHEN THIS STRATEGY WAS FIRST DRAFTED WE COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN HOW THE WORLD AND OUR LIVES WOULD CHANGE SO DRAMATICALLY OR FOR SUCH A PROLONGED PERIOD.

The response to Covid-19 has seen us change our way of working overnight, with Cornwall Council working seamlessly alongside local councils and voluntary organisations to ensure that the most vulnerable in our communities are looked after.

We have seen that the most effective way to support our communities and our most vulnerable residents is to dismantle, where it exists, traditional thinking, giving permission to do things, to instead support those that are best placed to provide a solution and enabling them to do so.

It is this experience that has informed the Localism Strategy. We will ensure that through the embedding of this strategy and way of working throughout Cornwall Council that we become:



More dynamic



Say yes more



Listen more



Make decisions based on local need

And that our residents:



Have trust in the Council



See more assets under local ownership



Are involved with local democracy



Are able to contribute to their communities through volunteering

Integral to the vision for Cornwall's future are safe, healthy and resilient communities. This vision can be found in **Gyllyn Warbarth, Together We Can: The Cornwall Plan 2020-50**. We want a Cornwall where compassionate communities are using their talents and resources to help each other to live, learn and age well, and where more people say they feel like they belong to their neighbourhood and have at least one close friend.

Looking to the future, when asked what our residents would like to see changed once the pandemic is over, the top four choices were a cleaner environment, closer communities, reduced traffic and more use of walking and cycling and a greater appreciation of nature.



This strategy sets out how we respond to requests from residents.



INTRODUCTION

OUR STRONG, DISTINCTIVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE THE BACKBONE OF CORNWALL. OVER HALF A MILLION RESIDENTS LIVE IN SMALL SETTLEMENTS STRETCHED RIGHT ACROSS OUR PENINSULA. EACH OF THESE COMMUNITIES HAS THEIR OWN UNIQUE IDENTITY AND SENSE OF PLACE. THEIR INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS PART OF WHAT MAKES CORNWALL SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

Localism is a belief in the power of community, and it is deep in the DNA of Cornwall. When asked previously, partners across Cornwall identified “self-sufficient and resilient communities” as one of the five key priorities underpinning our shared vision for Cornwall. Future Cornwall 2010-30 set an ambition to increase participation in local decision making and enable people to get more involved in shaping and delivering local services. Cornwall's approach to Localism is now nationally recognised as pioneering in the transfer of power, decision-making and resources to local communities.

A localist approach is perhaps more important now than ever before. Community action is essential to tackle the climate emergency, and to increase community resilience to the impacts of climate breakdown such as more extreme weather events and flooding. With a super-ageing population, communities in Cornwall face some of the greatest challenges and opportunities for helping people to stay well and live independently for longer. While Cornwall's economy has improved, 17 of our communities still rank amongst the most deprived in the whole country. Having now left the European Union, with promises of “taking back control”, it will be essential that communities in Cornwall experience an increased sense of power and influence over decisions if we are to renew trust and participation in community life and local democracy.

In Cornwall, we have learnt a lot from a decade of working together in communities. This strategy sets out our shared ambition and approach for the next phase of our journey to unlock the power of community. Together, we can give everyone in Cornwall a sense of connection, purpose and power to improve their lives and the lives of others.

As a lead partner and as a commitment to this strategy, Cornwall Council has adopted a “no surprises” principle that is at the heart of ensuring that all elected members can carry out their local leadership role effectively on behalf of the Council and Cornwall's communities. This no surprises principle will extend to Cornwall's town and parish councils and wider partners to promote and support local democracy.

Our approach to Localism in Cornwall has been informed by a range of national research and our experience to date, which can be simply be described as:



OUR VISION FOR LOCALISM IS HEALTHY, SAFE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

OUR APPROACH TO LOCALISM IS TO USE FOUR PRINCIPLES TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES:

Sharing more control over assets and services by devolving these to parishes and local communities



COMMUNITY DECISIONS:

Involving communities more in decisions that affect them by being far more participatory in our approach



COMMUNITY ACTION:

Working collaboratively with communities and supporting them to improve residents' lives



COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Supporting our communities to be self-sufficient and resilient by harnessing the talents and resources they already have

Our foundations for Localism:
Strong relationships with our Towns, Parishes and communities, based on trust, mutual respect with all working towards the best outcomes for our communities.

Our approach has been informed by the four domains of Localism¹ (nationally recognised by the Commission on the Future of Localism) as ways to unlock the power of community, building on the strong foundations we have laid over a decade of developing relationships based on trust, mutual respect, and of strengthening community institutions. This strategy sets out the actions we will take to strengthen our approach further.

For us, Localism is not a document on a shelf. We will continue to test and learn, developing our approach, working with and listening to our inspiring communities across Cornwall to maximise the strength and skills they have to improve residents' lives.

¹ The Four Domains of Localism are referenced in the Findings from the Commission on the Future of Localism 2018

THE FOUR PRINCIPLES TO UNLOCK THE POWER OF COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES

WE BELIEVE POWER SHOULD SIT AS CLOSE TO THE COMMUNITY AS POSSIBLE. CORNWALL COUNCIL IS STANDING UP FOR CORNWALL TO SECURE MORE POWERS AND CONTROL FROM GOVERNMENT – AND WE ARE GIVING MORE POWERS AND CONTROL OVER COUNCIL ASSETS AND SERVICES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT USE THEM. WE CALL THIS ‘DOUBLE DEVOLUTION’.

Over the last 10 years, Cornwall Council has put, working with partners, over 285 assets and services into the control of local communities making significant investment in them along the way so that communities can take them on in good condition. Our experience has proven that locally run services are often better run and better maintained to meet local need.

For example, having formed strong partnerships with our local communities we have been able to secure the future of Cornwall’s library service and in doing so, we have found that more people are using Cornwall’s libraries, borrowing more books and our libraries are becoming community hubs for a much wider range of services. In towns all over Cornwall our partnerships with local councils has led to the delivery of improved local services that benefits residents.

WE WILL:

- **Continue to give more powers and control over local assets and services to the communities that use them.** Cornwall Council owns over 6,500 assets ranging from large operational buildings to small community buildings and spaces. We want all of these assets to be put to good use for the people of Cornwall and we will actively work with and support all local councils and communities who have the ambition to take these on.
- **Work in partnership with communities to find solutions to problems that require not one but many different people coming together to solve.** We will use the collective expertise of our communities to respond quickly and effectively to hard to solve issues. We will continue to review our response to those most urgent and difficult problems, so that we are ready to put them in action when needed.



St Austell takes control

In a ground-breaking devolution deal, Cornwall Council has transferred a number of important local community sites to St Austell Town Council to secure their future for local residents and visitors.

The 'total place' devolution package includes 39 different areas of public open space, such as Poltair Park and Truro Road Park, as well as responsibility for grass cutting and planting on highway verges, roundabouts and closed churchyards. These transfers follow the devolution of allotments and public conveniences to the Town Council, and more recently the devolution of St Austell Library, Priory

Case study



Car park and The House Youth Centre - all part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme offering local councils and communities the opportunity to take on services, often enabling a better level of local service provision.



COMMUNITY DECISIONS

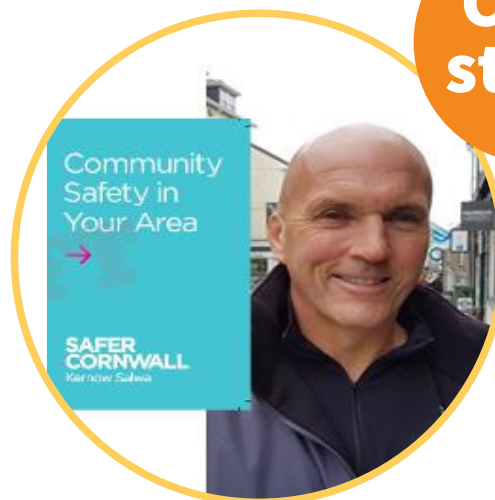
TRYING TO IMPROVE PEOPLES' LIVES THROUGH CENTRALLY IMPOSED DECISIONS AND PLANS SIMPLY DOESN'T WORK. IT LEAVES NO ROOM FOR INNOVATION OR ADAPTATION TO REFLECT LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

It can also leave people feeling 'done to' - powerless to influence decisions that affect their lives and lacking trust in those elected to represent them. Getting the best outcomes for our communities means working with and for people, with community involvement in the co-design, co-production and delivery of services.

Penzance community safety

In 2019, Penzance Town Council agreed to jointly fund an Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Caseworker to cover the West Penwith Community Network Area. At the time, the rate of recorded anti-social behaviour was significantly higher in Penzance when compared with other large towns in Cornwall. Since taking up the role, the ASB Caseworker has been able to dedicate their time to Penzance to carry out visibility patrols, engage with businesses and members of the public, and target the most persistent offenders by actively using the ASB tools and powers available to tackle nuisance behaviour.

Case study



As a result of the initiative all recorded crime in the town has been reduced, with the greatest reductions seen in shoplifting, public order offences and ASB linked to street drinking.



WE WILL:

- **Give communities more say over spending decisions:** Following our 2017 resident survey, people told us that local roads are a priority for them, and that they don't always feel able to influence local decisions. In response, Cornwall Council has given communities across Cornwall a combined budget of £1 million every year - £50,000 for each Community Network Area - to spend on their choice of small local road schemes such as speed monitors, parking controls, and improvements for pedestrians.
- The devolved highways budget has been a great success, enabling local councils and residents to have a say in which local highways schemes should be prioritised and how they should be solved. **We will continue to identify other devolved budgets which can provide communities with the ability to deliver locally agreed solutions.**
- **Provide more opportunities to encourage / support / facilitate environment focussed volunteering** that takes real account of the desires of communities to manage their local environment and help tackle climate change and biodiversity.
- **Empower communities to identify a Vision for their town, village or place,** through development of Neighbourhood Plans or use of the emerging Place Shaping Toolkit, designed to identify local priorities and how they will be delivered.
- **Enable communities to have a genuine say in the development of design guidance and codes,** linked to the proposed planning reform, to ensure that codes have real positive impact by making them more binding on planning decisions.
- **Encourage communities to engage with and deliver the Forest for Cornwall,** promote biodiversity and enhance the natural environment.
- **Enable communities to have more influence over local planning decisions.** So far, Cornwall Council has supported over 135 communities to gain powers over the developments that are permissible in their local area by putting in place Neighbourhood Development Plans, with 35 now formally adopted.
- **Provide communities with more local enforcement powers.** Cornwall Council has worked with 33 local councils across Cornwall so that they can take on more enforcement powers to tackle problems in their communities, such as inconsiderate and illegal parking and dog fouling.



COMMUNITY ACTION

LOCALISM IS ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN LOCAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES OR DECENTRALISING DECISION-MAKING.

It is about the connections and feelings of belonging that unite people within their communities. It is essential that Cornwall Council, local councils and communities foster trusting relationships, with local leaders drawing on the local expertise that already exists in the community. That trust is important to how people perceive their own power and ability to make change in their local area alongside their neighbours and to take action to maintain important local facilities.

The recent national Commission on the Future of Localism found that “When we think about power we tend to look upwards – towards Westminster-based institutions and elected politicians. Those who wish to see greater Localism often ask politicians to give it away and push power downwards. But this is looking at things the wrong way round. Instead, we need to start with the power of community.”²

Cornwall is fortunate to enjoy one of the highest rates of volunteering and community participation in the country. Most recently demonstrated by the outpouring of community spirit and volunteering support in response to the COVID pandemic, which we will continue to nurture. Together, we can achieve more for Cornwall. There are many great examples of communities taking action to achieve positive change:

Including:

- **Cornwall Council, local councils and communities across Cornwall coming together** to provide support through the Coronavirus crisis, focusing efforts on supporting grassroots action and supplementing, where needed, help to the most vulnerable residents.
- **Working with Volunteer Cornwall to support communities** match 290 community groups and 3,800 volunteers with people in need.
- **Over 120 local communities and groups of residents across Cornwall taking action to tackle climate change** and make Cornwall carbon neutral.
- **Supporting community action means embedding a whole organisational culture of working “with and for” communities**, creating time and support for really good co-production and community engagement in all that we do.

WE WILL:

- **Continue to build relationships, where people and place are always put at the centre of our decision making.**
- **Use robust intelligence and evidence to support the services that we provide.**
- **Engage with our communities to ensure people are effectively kept informed as to why decisions have been made.**

² People Power: findings from the Commission on the Future Localism, published by Locality in 2019

Jubilee Pool, Penzance

Case
study



Jubilee Pool, an iconic feature of the Penzance seafront for 80 years, is now run and managed by **The Friends of Jubilee Pool Community Benefit Society**.

The Friends of Jubilee Pool are managing the pool via Jubilee Pool Penzance Ltd, a new Community Benefit Society, that will operate the pool on the community's behalf and ensure it is an affordable amenity for one and all. The Community Benefit Society Board consists of the Cornwall Councillor Divisional Member, a Town Councillor and representatives from the Friends of the Jubilee Pool and community leaders.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LOCALISM IS ABOUT SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Regularly checking the satisfaction of residents about the services we provide, so that we can continuously make them better.

The latest residents survey (autumn 2019) showed that “Satisfaction with the way Cornwall Council runs things continues to increase”, an improvement of 8% over two years.

Other key drivers of overall resident satisfaction improved significantly, with 20+ percentage point increases since 2017 in residents agreeing that Cornwall Council is making the area cleaner; greener; and a better place to live

We will work with organisations such as the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) and the Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) who have a Cornwall wide membership so that we bring people together both at a local and Duchy wide level.

Throughout Cornwall's response to Covid 19, local councils, voluntary organisations and communities have provided support to where it is most needed. We will continue to bring together and support participatory representation (community) and democratic representation (elected members) so that both feel valued and their combined power has the maximum positive effect on our communities when working together.

We will continue to support this balance of representation to maximise the support it provides to our communities both locally and strategically.

We will ensure that we support an equity of community participation and influence in all of our decision making and provide support to groups and organisations that want to help their communities.

Allowing all that want to be involved to get involved will enhance the role of local government. Ensuring that residents have an equal ability to influence decision making will provide services that are valued, supported and delivered locally.

Equity of participation will increase the capacity of volunteers to deliver community projects, continue the devolution of services and assets to the most appropriate local level and together provide the seamless delivery of services to our residents.

To support this strategy Cornwall Council has built on the work undertaken over the past four years to strengthen its commitment to Localism by empowering Community Network Panels, giving greater opportunities for communities and local councils to shape local services, devolve assets and service delivery to local councils, community groups and voluntary organisations and making the commitment that Cornwall Council places Localism at the heart of its decision-making process.

Falmouth Town Council delivering local services

Case study



Falmouth Town Council, in partnership with Cornwall Council, has taken a very proactive approach to devolution and delivering local services to its residents. Falmouth Town Council has delivered nationally recognised cultural services, including the very popular public Art Gallery and an extensive programme of events over many years and was at the forefront of ensuring that residents continued to have services delivered to them that were of great value locally.

When the opportunity arose through Cornwall Council's devolution programme the Town Council was keen to take on and enhance both the town library and local information service. In both cases the use of the facilities and opening times have been increased for residents.

Alongside these important local services, the Town Council has had many other local assets devolved to it and now manages many open spaces, gardens and recreation areas and are looking to deliver more devolved services in the future.

This approach fits well with Cornwall Council's wider programme of devolution of assets and services, which places local partnerships at the centre of how we meet the needs of our communities.



WE WILL:

- **Aim to say yes to our communities more of the time, and where we genuinely cannot do this, work together to find alternative solutions.** Ensuring communities are fully engaged and there is an equality of voice, striving for an even balance between rural and urban provision of services, listening to and being an organisation that responds to its communities' local needs. Letting go where it is better to deliver services locally, be more trusting and accept that we don't always know best.
- **Aim to provide the information and framework communities need** to capture the vision and priorities for their area and identify how the Council and other partners can support communities in delivering their ambitions.
- **Adopt a “Local Government Plus” approach bringing together the democratic and participatory representation models** that supports and recognises the power of community as an equal partner to the community representatives, who are elected onto our local councils and Cornwall Council. As part of this approach we will invite voluntary and community partners onto the Community Network Panels which bring together elected local councillors who are working together to improve their community.
- **We will actively encourage more participation at a community network level** by publicising the work that takes place, sharing the results of local decision making and offering co-option to community groups who have the knowledge experience and expertise to influence and deliver local place-based solutions.
- **We will also encourage young people to become involved with local councils, Cornwall Council and their communities** so that they are able to influence decisions which will affect them now and in the future.

OUR FOUNDATIONS FOR LOCALISM

Our Localism approach is built on strong foundations, following work over the last decade to develop strong community relationships and community institutions.

CORNWALL IS UNIQUE IN BEING FULLY PARISHED AND HAS A VIBRANT VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY.

The Community Governance Review is designed to ensure parishes are working as efficiently and effectively as they should be and that they are reflective of the identity and interest of local communities. Where required, Cornwall Council will ensure that the Community Governance Review process will continue. This is to ensure that the governance structure of Cornwall works for its communities and reflects the future changes to Parish, Council and parliamentary boundaries.

Our 19 community networks provide a structured framework for building strong relationships and supporting local decision-making and are highlighted as best practice in facilitating a culture of collaboration and partnership in the national Civil Society Strategy³. Cornwall Council's team of Localism officers are recognised in the findings of the recent national Commission on the Future of Localism for the key role they play in working 'horizontally' across different services, breaking down barriers between council services, creating connections and bringing together local partners to support place-based working.

In addition to delivering the objectives set out in our four principles, Cornwall Council recognises the need to support a significantly changing governance landscape. This was created by the Local Government Boundary Commission review carried out in 2018, to reduce the number of Cornwall Councillors and the Community Governance review, which aims to ensure that parish boundaries reflect their communities and local democracy. It also includes supporting the ambitious Climate Change agenda, an approach to devolution which enables any parish or community to participate, delivering local democracy and supporting voluntary organisations.

This includes:

- **Recovering our communities from the Covid-19 pandemic**
- **Supporting the 2021 reduction in number of elected Cornwall Council members** (from 123 to 87 members)
- **Adopting the no surprises principle so that members are informed advocates** for the Council and recognised as local leaders
- **Adopting a no surprises principle that fosters a trusted working relationship between Cornwall Council, local councils and voluntary and community organisations** that supports local democracy
- **Supporting the outcome of the Community Governance review** to ensure that it meets the requirements of our residents
- **Supporting the delivery of Cornwall's Climate Action Plan** <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/climate-emergency/our-action-plan/>
- **Supporting local councils to fulfil their democratic responsibilities** to their communities

WE WILL:

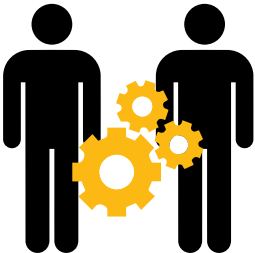
- **We will ensure that Cornwall Councillors are fully supported in their role as local leaders, both at a Strategic level, when making decisions that affect all of Cornwall and at a local level where decisions are required to improve the lives of people in local communities.**
- **We will support the working relationship between members and parish councils and members and the community, so as to achieve the best results for residents.**

THE FOUR PRINCIPLES; WHAT WE WILL DO, WHY WE WILL DO THEM AND HOW WE WILL KNOW THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL

PRINCIPLES	WE WILL	OBJECTIVE	MEASURABLES
COMMUNITY ASSETS AND SERVICES 	Continue to give more powers and control over local assets and services to the communities that use them Enable communities to provide services where they are better delivered locally	The Council's devolution programme will enable communities to take ownership over the assets and services that are important to them Be a Council that listens and responds to its communities	The number of assets and services under the influence or control of local communities Resident survey shows improvement in communities' satisfaction with the provision of local services

PRINCIPLES	WE WILL	OBJECTIVE	MEASURABLES
COMMUNITY DECISIONS 	Enable and empower local people, local councils and the voluntary and community organisations to play an active role in making decisions and delivering what their community needs	The Council will continue to enhance the role of Community Network Panels that increases local influence and involvement in decision making To provide local councils, voluntary organisations and the community with a greater opportunity to influence local decisions To achieve more co-designed and co-produced local projects delivered locally by volunteers	More people agree that they can influence decisions effecting their local area Improved working relationship between councils, voluntary organisations and the community More co-designed and co-produced local projects



PRINCIPLES	WE WILL	OBJECTIVE	MEASURABLES
COMMUNITY ACTION 	Work with and support local councils and communities to use their power and actions to improve their communities	Continue to build our relationship with local councils and communities to put people and place at the centre of decision making Enhance community action to support and deliver Cornwall's Carbon Neutral 2030 objective, including contributing to digital solutions Robust intelligence and evidence will inform service provision. We will engage with our communities, to ensure people are effectively kept informed Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to get involved with and influence the things that matter to them	The number of communities feeling able to make decisions that affect them locally The number of communities actively taking a role in reducing carbon emissions An updated action plan, post-COVID, that ensures that communities are able to respond to their requirements for recovery No communities feel excluded from being able to participate or influence council decisions

PRINCIPLES	WE WILL	OBJECTIVE	MEASURABLES
COMMUNITY SUPPORT 	Build community capacity to support the delivery of local solutions through partnerships with local councils, voluntary and community organisations Support local councils to put Community Emergency and Resilience Plans in place Ensure residents can live alongside large and small events without adverse impact and audiences can attend them in safety	To enable communities to provide more local solutions, be more active in our communities and in local government Enable our voluntary and community partners to be more sustainable Produce a suite of locally tested plans and capabilities to respond to and recover from emergencies (environmental, weather, public health) co-designed with local councils and communities Support very local and large event organisers ensure public safety at popular cultural events and gatherings	Increased number of people taking an active role in local government Voluntary and community organisations having the ability to adapt to a changing society Number of community plans in place Number of event organisers supported through engagement with the appropriate services

**We will continue to build on
the work we have undertaken
over the past four years to
strengthen our commitment
to Localism.**



**This strategy marks
the continuation of our
commitment to ensure that
we achieve the best outcomes
for our communities.**

**To achieve these outcomes
Localism will remain at the
heart of all we do together.**

**An strateji ma a verk an
pesyans a'gan arwostel dhe
surhe may hyllyn ni kowlwul
sewyansow gwella rag agan
kemenethow.**

**Dhe gowlwul an sewyansow
ma Leelieth a wra pesya
yn kolon a buptra a wren
warbarth.**



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