

Cornwall Council Devolution Programme

Initial Proposal Form

Version 0.3

Notes: Devolution proposals are routinely considered by the Strategic Devolution Group (SDG) which meets fortnightly.

- i. SDG can make one of 3 decisions regarding a proposal:
 - a. Approve to proceed to business case
 - b. Refer back for further work or clarification
 - c. Reject

Proposal Title: [Liskeard Town Council Devolution

Date Submitted: [insert date submitted to SDG]

Ref: [Unique reference number to be allocated by the Devolution Programme Administrator]

Part 1 - Assets

Provide a description of any specific Assets which are being considered for transfer to another body. This should include a location map, details of the Unique Property Reference Number, current book value, annual running costs, any known maintenance backlog, annual income generated, ownership (e.g. CC Freehold, CC Leased out, CC Leased in), known restrictions on future use etc.

Castle Park. UPRN 13292

Cattle Market Site Current Configuration – potential for the Town Council to undertake the management of the small business units running parallel to Dean Street. UPRN 13257 and 12191

*****Cattle Market Development Proposals – Potential for a joint Liskeard Town Council and Cornwall Council project possibly with other parties to carry forward new business unit and letting space provision. Cornwall Council submitted an application to the Department of Communities and Local Government (D.C.L.G.) for employment space on the cattle market site. 31st October 2017 Town Council offer to support the investment with a £100,000 contribution. Due to hear the decision in April 2018.*****

Culverland Play Area – Culverland Park. UPRN 13269

*****Eastern Avenue. UPRN In March 2017, the Town Council received a transfer of the adjacent piece of land from a private sector developer. Facilities Committee has an item within its programme to provide a footpath across both land ownerships from Springfield Road to Eastern Avenue***.**

Land at Hendra Park – green space adjacent to lodge. UPRN 12304

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Henford Play Area (Henscol Vale – Henfordh Grange). No UPRN

Jack Bice Play Area – Jack Bice Close. No

Lake Lane Allotments – (not on the Cornwall Council list – Housing not Environment. This site is adjacent to the row of garages at Dungarth Road which leads off of Bodgara Way

Lanchard Valley – area of meadow and woodland. UPRN 18418

Lanchard Closed Cemetery. UPRN 13280

Land at the junction of Barras Street and Dean Street. UPRN 12323

Liskeard Business Park – business units (offices and workshops). UPRN 17032

*****Maudlin Farm – recent acquisition January 2018 by Cornwall Council. Potential transfer to Town Council of amenity land before commencement of development***.**

Peppers Park Play Area. UPRN 12364

Rapsons Field – (Multi Use Games Area and adjacent grassed area). UPRN 18223 and 18226

Rapsons Car Park. UPRN 12192

Rapsons – (former mortuary and adjacent yard space). UPRN 12162/12163

*****Silvanus Jenkin Avenue. March 2017 transferred to Cornwall Council from the developer***.**

Sports Pitches at Lux Park. UPRN 12367

St Martins Churchyard Cemetery.

*****Stanley Maggs Play Area – Stanley Maggs Way. UPRN March 2017 transferred to Cornwall Council from the developer***.**

Sungirt Valley – Natural Greenspace – grass and woodland area. UPRN 16880

Trevecca Sports Field – (required for cemetery extension). UPRN

Trevillis Park.

Westbourne Gardens. UPRN 09706

Westbourne Car Park. UPRN 12193

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West Street – (former Avon Farmers site). UPRN This is the former Avon Farmers petrol station site which is used as a car wash and Cornwall Council staff car park for Westbourne House staff. With Westbourne House closing the need for staff parking is removed. This area could support the operation of the Town Council's Public Hall which is nearby. Note that this site is known to contain contaminated items in the form of buried fuel tanks associated with its former use as a Petrol Station.

Part 2 – Services

Provide information about any services which are being considered for transfer to another body. This should include FTE staff employed, service contracts, any statutory duties as relevant

Part 3 - Proposal

Provide a description of the change which is proposed.

To accept the Devolution of the proposed package of over 20 liabilities from Cornwall Council, Liskeard Town Council would need to receive assets that would assist in reducing the financial impact of the Devolution proposal to the ratepayers of Liskeard.

Therefore, Liskeard Town Council has added car parks and business units to the initial list of liabilities provided by Cornwall Council. There has been the removal of two items from the list that are not in fact within the boundary administered by the Town Council. The Town Council has added four items which for the purposes of administrative convenience would best sit with the Town Council.

Liskeard Town Council is presently represented upon the Cornwall Council Cattle Market Working Party which is looking into the redevelopment of the Cattle Market site. Should the site become redundant

To consider this Devolution package proposal further Liskeard Town Council would need to receive all relevant information that might impact upon the initial transfer and thereafter the ongoing maintenance and operation of these sites.

This would include but not be limited to:

Detailed costings relating to the works and services currently carried out on the sites by Cornwall Council, its agencies and contractors.

Information relating to land ownership issues including whether freehold or leasehold and any duties or obligations and impediments that affect the sites.

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Any Planning related Section 106 or conditions of consent that would affect the use, future use or standards of services or facilities including timescales and costings.

Clear information should be provided in the case of the Private sector related liabilities such as, the transfer of Play areas built by developers and still subject to access rights of adjacent residents. For example, Henford Play Area?

Car Parks and Business Units – information to include usage and occupancy figures, income streams as well as costs and operational liabilities.

Upon receipt of the information required the Town Council might well propose a phased approach to any Devolution package. The ability of the Town Council to take on future packages might well be affected if Power of Competence is lost at subsequent elections.

Future Projects - Liskeard Town Council is represented upon the Cornwall Council Cattle Market Working Party. This is appraising the redevelopment options of the Cattle Market site. Subject to the suitability of the proposals, the Town Council might well undertake joint projects to help regenerate this key site in the town.

Part 4 – Opportunities and Benefits

Set out the main benefits which are envisaged, where possible identifying best estimates for savings which can be derived, costs which will need to be incurred and a rationale for why the proposal is in the public interest. This is a key part of the Initial Proposal Form. To ensure approval please include a) Estimated savings to the council by financial period, b) Estimated transition costs and funding by financial period c) Estimated capital costs and funding by financial period and d) Budget areas affected (within service) and (outside service).

Part 5 – Stakeholders

Give details of all the stakeholders who have been consulted to date and details of other people or bodies who will have an interest or be impacted by the proposal should it proceed.

Ratepayers of Liskeard – the Town Council would wish to consult the ratepayers of Liskeard upon the financial impact of any Devolution package. It should be noted that the Liskeard Town Council 2018/2019 precept figure is £422,539. This is a relatively small figure and the adoption of Devolution package too

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heavily balanced with too many liabilities and not enough assets would result in a monetary increase that whilst small in the scope of the Unitary Council's budget would be a significant percentage increase in the Town Council's precept.

Liskeard and District Sports Association – Sports Pitches leasehold – Liskeard Town Council is aware of the temporary nature of the use of the Trevecca Sports Pitches until the expansion of the cemetery. Therefore, there is a potential sports pitch shortfall problem that the provision of relevant Section 106 money might assist in overcoming at the Roundbury Park / ALT15 project.

*****24th January 2017 Liskeard Town Council set up a Sports Pitch and Recreation Space Working Party including the Liskeard and District Sports Association. To carry out the necessary work to investigate and progress the Roundbury Park / ALT15 project. 26th September 2017 Finance & General Purposes Committee approved the appointment of John Blake of Jefferys, to act as the Council's valuer and to negotiate land acquisition associated with Section 106 funded projects. The 16th February 2018 meeting of the Sports Pitch and Recreation Provision Working Party believed that sufficient progress has been made to recommend to the Town Council that it a). to approve the opening of "without prejudice" negotiations with the two landowners at the prospective Roundbury Park site. b). to approve the making of a planning application in support of the proposed Roundbury Park site.**

Part 6 – Officers

Contact details of the Cornwall Council Officers (and their respective roles) involved in developing this proposal up to this point. Identify the lead proposing officer.

SDG Decision and next steps