



## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD IN NATIONAL SCHEME**

Liskeard Town Council has received a prestigious award as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Liskeard Town Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Award Scheme report highlighted the council's particular areas of strength, including its website. Sarah Mason, County Executive Officer of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils commented "The website is excellent in that it not only effectively informs the public regarding the Council's duties and services, but it embraces the wider Community of Liskeard. The beautiful photographs especially in the Tourism part of the website promote the attractiveness of the town and the business offer is well communicated".

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their improvement journeys, as well as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

Liskeard Town Council's own Mayor Councillor Jane Pascoe was quoted as being delighted "All Councillors, Staff and Volunteers have worked tremendously hard to achieve improvements in our services. We are thrilled that this is recognised by independent external inspection. Of the 213 Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall Liskeard Town Council is one of only 6 to have achieved this recognition under the Local Council Award Scheme".

In terms of the future, the council is now reviewing ways in which it can keep on improving its offer to the local community and welcomes input from local people and partners on this. Liskeard Town Council and other local councils like it, are at the front line of the government's localism agenda and are doing as much as they can to

deliver services whilst being efficient and cost-effective. Currently the council provides a range of services including: the meeting rooms at the Public Hall. The excellent Museum run by a team of dedicated volunteers the Tourist Information Centre at the Foresters Hall. It has a range of walks and map leaflets and supports events to promote the town such as the recent Man Engine visit to the Parade. The Town Council also deals with a range of more traditional Council activities such as the Public Conveniences, allotments, the maintenance of public realm such as the Fountain and the planters on the Parade, the Guildhall and Clocktower and the war memorial.

