

# Cornwall Council Devolution Programme

## Initial Proposal Form

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### Notes:

- i. Devolution proposals are routinely considered by the Strategic Devolution Group (SDG) which meets fortnightly.
- ii. 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

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

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.

Culverland Play Area – Culverland Park

Eastern Avenue

Hendra Park – green space adjacent to lodge

Henford Play Area (Henscol Vale – Henfordh Grange)

Jack Bice Play Area – Jack Bice Close

Lake Lane Allotments – (not on the Cornwall Council list – Housing not Environment?)

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Lanchard Valley – area of meadow and woodland

Lanchard Cemetery

Land at the junction of Barras Street and Dean Street

Liskeard Business Park – business units (offices and workshops)

Peppers Park Play Area

Rapsons Field – (Multi Use Games Area and adjacent grassed area)

Rapsons Car Park

Rapsons – (former mortuary and adjacent yard space)

Silvanus Jenkin Avenue

Sports Pitches

St Martins Churchyard Cemetery

Stanley Maggs Play Area – Stanley Maggs Way

Sungirt Valley – Natural Greenspace – grass and woodland area

Trevecca Sports Field – (required for cemetery extension)

Trevillis Park

Westbourne Gardens

Westbourne Car Park

West Street – (former Avon Farmers site)

### **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

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### **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.

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

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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 2016/2017 precept figure is £389,253. This is a relatively small figure and the adoption of Devolution package too 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

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### **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.

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**SDG Decision and next steps**