

TOWN COUNCIL – 8 JULY 2019**REPORT FOR DECISION****CORNWALL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW –SUBMISSION OF
RESPONSE FROM PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL****Recommendation**

That the Town Council approve the content of the submission document and submit the document to Cornwall Council by 17 July 2019.

Background

Members will recall that Cornwall Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review for the whole of Cornwall.

The timetable for the review is set out below:-

Stage	Action	Dates
Stage 1	Initial submissions invited	26.03.2019 to 17.07.2109
Stage 2	Council considers submissions received and formulates draft recommendations	18.07.2019 to 26.11.2019
Stage 3	Draft recommendations published and comments sought through a public consultation	27.11.2019 to 10.03.2019
Stage 4	Council considers contributions received and formulates final recommendations. Consequential matters to be referred to Local Government Boundary Commission where required	11.03.2019 to June 2020
Final recommendations	Electoral Review Panel makes final recommendations to Full Council. Full Council makes final decision.	July 2020
Re-organisation order made	Re-organisation Order made	Sept 2020

This review may consider parish boundaries, the number of seats and warding arrangements for local councils and their names. It provides an opportunity for all local councils, communities and individuals to review and propose changes to these arrangements at parish level to ensure that they are reflective of the identity and interest of your local communities and work as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Website <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/governancereview>

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor met with representatives of Madron and Ludgvan parish councils and Heamoor Community Group at the Community Governance

Review Community Network area meeting on 30 May 2019 and shared their thoughts on changes to boundaries etc.

From this meeting it was understood that the following was being proposed:-

- a) Heamoor Community Group would be making a submission to Cornwall Council requesting that they establish a village council for Heamoor village and surrounding area ;
- b) Gulval Community Group would be making a submission to Cornwall Council requesting that Gulval village and surrounding area be taken into Madron Parish; and
- c) Madron parish would be submitting a request that proposed that it take on Marazion Marshes which currently sat within the Ludgvan parish area

Also, at this meeting the Mayor suggested that the Town Council may consider requesting the inclusion of Longrock within its parish area.

Following this meeting the Town Council met informally to discuss making a submission on Thursday 20 June 2019. The outcome of the event on 30 May was discussed and the council agreed the key content of its submission to Cornwall Council. It also agreed that the Mayor, deputy Mayor and one councillor from each ward within the parish would meet to develop the submission content. The final draft of the submission document is attached at appendix A.

In drafting the submission the task group were mindful of in making its final decision the Cornwall Council needs to take into account its duty to secure that community governance within the area under review:

- a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- b) is effective and convenient

The impact on community cohesion, and the size, population and boundaries of the proposed area would also be considered.

The government has further clarified the criterion relating to proposals being effective and convenient by stating that the effectiveness and convenience of local government is best understood in the context of a local authority's ability to deliver quality services economically and efficiently, and give users of services a democratic voice in the decisions that affect them.

Members are now asked to approve the submission document. Once approved it will be sent to Cornwall Council by the 17 July 2019 deadline.

Hester Hunt
Town Clerk