

# CORNWALL COUNCIL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: PRIORITIES PLAN 2026-2030

Held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 via MS Teams

About half a dozen councillors, including me, attended. Presentations from Leigh Frost (Council Leader), Adam Paynter (Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Resources), Kate Kennally (Chief Executive). Also present was Katey Durkin (Service Director – Resources and Performance) and Derk Van der Wardt (Consultation and Engagement Manager)

New administration so new priorities which will be actioned – these are not a wish list. The priorities are: homes; clean, green Cornwall; resilient economy; a caring place for families and children; healthy and dignified lives; and transport.

Basically Cllr Frost ran through the document Council Priorities 2026-30 (which can be found on this webpage <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/priorities>) so will not go into any more detail. These priorities will feed into the longer term Cornwall Plan 2020-2050.

Aware that new housing required by government and also there is an ageing construction workforce (average age is 59) so need to skill up new workers.

## Finances

Will follow guiding financial principles as laid out on last page of the document.

The government announced 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 that they will provide a financial settlement for the next three years to enable councils to budget better. Assumes council tax will increase by 4.99%.

First year investment: as laid out in 2026-27 budget. £36m for children and families; £37m adult social care; £8m core frontline services eg waste; £9m housing, transport, environmental services, economic growth etc; £3m fire services improvements

Savings will come from: increase in income; ongoing efficiencies; transformation of service delivery; managing demand

## Process

11<sup>th</sup> February – Cabinet to agree final Priorities Plan, budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026-29

24<sup>th</sup> February – Full Council to approve