

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2025



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## Full Council

At this month's full council meeting, I was pleased to bring forward a motion that I know would have a direct impact on people in our parishes. I have talked to many of you about the issue of Cornwall Housing properties that need over £50k spent on them to bring them back into use, being essentially mothballed and left empty. It is a matter that deeply frustrates residents and to Councillors. When we know we have families and friends in emergency accommodation and houses sat empty - I believe that frustration is well placed. The motion that I wrote and proposed requested that the cabinet member for housing on the Council, took £1m from the money raised by the 100% council tax premium on second homes, and put it directly into the HRA (Housing Revenue Account) to be ringfenced for speeding up the repairs to these houses so we can start getting families into them, in the communities they call home. It is, I believe, a sensible and pragmatic use of funds raised from second home owners to balance the scales slightly. Although I fully expected it, I was still disappointed that the Chairman of the Council referred the motion to the cabinet to be discussed. This was because of the cost involved which is an executive function that can only be made by the leader and the cabinet. However, I got to talk for 3 minutes about the situation, and I had support from all political parties bar one - and I think that was just they missed it, not that they didn't support it. The cabinet member for housing was incredibly positive about the motion, and has assured me that he will be taking action on this after this motion and that it will be done as quickly as is possible. So a good result I think.

## Remembrance Events across the Peninsula

I was so honoured to be invited to, and attended, so many Remembrance events across the division, I genuinely feel that we put on so many beautiful and moving events, that bring our young and old together to mark this important weekend. We truly keep the memories alive of those who served, those who still do and their families that support them. Thank you to those in our communities that are either still in uniform or who support those that are. And thank you to the Parish Clerks and Council's that have organised these events year in, year out.

## Millbrook Narrows

The work is now completed on the Millbrook Narrows, and we shall see how it works out. I will try and get around to residents on the street after Christmas to see how they are finding it - although the real test will be when we move into the Spring and we start seeing more traffic

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in that area to see if it does help with the issues that residents have faced there. I know there are sceptics about how well this will deliver, and - alongside the Parish Council - we are cautious about getting our hopes up as well. Time will tell on this one.

### Air Quality Consultation

Another month, another consultation! This time, on air quality across Cornwall - Tideford is an AQMA (Air Quality Management Area). Due to the A38 and the general geography of the village, we see high level of particulates through the main drag of the village. Cornwall Council has to refresh its Air Quality Plan (AQA) and wants to know the views of people that use those areas. Please do share the link, and think about sharing your views as well. The consultation can be found at <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/air-quality>

### Cornwall Priorities

The Liberal Democrat and Independent coalition administration at Cornwall Council have finally shared their plan of priorities for Cornwall for the next 4 years. A priorities plan usually lasts for that administration and the first year of the new council. You can find out more and share your thoughts - either as individuals or as Parishes by going to by the 18 January 2026. I would encourage you to let Cornwall Council know what you think by completing the survey on <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/priorities> or, alternatively, by emailing the team at [haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk).