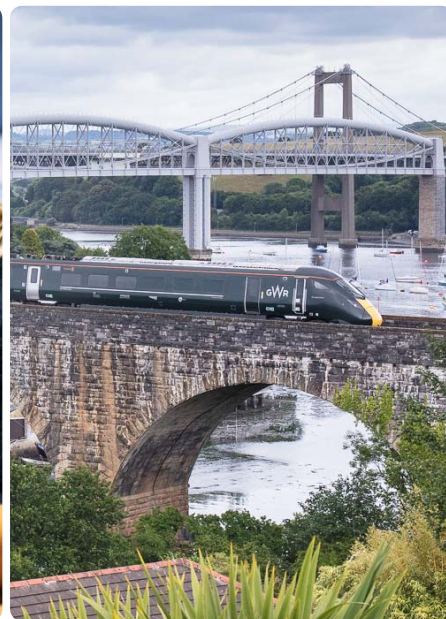


# Annual Report

## 2018 - 2019



Healthy Cornwall • Homes for Cornwall • Green and prosperous Cornwall • Connecting Cornwall • Democratic Cornwall

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well and safely together**

# Welcome to our Annual Report

This Annual Report is part of our yearly feedback to you about the services provided by Cornwall's largest workforce, the 5,500 people who work for Cornwall Council.

This is a young council – just ten years old in April 2019 – but it is already recognised as one of the leading unitary authorities in the country, delivering many award winning services to half a million residents as well as Cornwall's five million annual visitors.

We recognise that Cornwall is a special place that calls for a particular kind of care. It needs inventive solutions to persistent challenges, conservation of its world-renowned heritage and natural beauty, and to make the best of every opportunity for its people and businesses to progress and prosper.

That all sounds like a big ask. But in pursuing those aims we are able to draw from a seemingly endless wellspring of enthusiasm, partnership and creativity. Cornwall's greatest asset is its genuine community spirit.

So, please think of this publication less as a report card than as a thank you card for shared effort.

There is always more that can be done, however. In this Annual Report we are pleased and proud to reflect on 2018-19 as a year of many successes, of continued resilience against austerity and a resolute focus on delivering the priorities for Cornwall agreed in June 2017. Encouragingly, our endeavours are being recognised both nationally, having won a number of prestigious awards during 2018-19, and more importantly locally, with resident satisfaction up by 5% and public trust in the Council increasing by a heartening 33%.

Our thanks to you all for your individual roles in the life of Cornwall. **Meur ras onen hag oll.**



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**Adam Paynter,**  
Leader of Cornwall Council



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Kennally'.

**Kate Kennally,**  
Chief Executive

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fur, rag gwitha agan kerghynnedh unnik,  
gwruthyl moy anedhow ha sodhow rag  
trigoryon ha surhe may halo peub ahanan  
bewa war-barth yn ta hag yn salow**

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Ytho, arvreusewgh an dyllans ma le avel karten dherivas ages avel karten ras rag assay kevrynys.

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Godhon meur ras dhywgh hwi oll a'gas rannow diblans yn bewnans Kernow.

**Meur ras onen hag oll.**



**Adam Paynter,**  
Hembrenkyas an Konsel



**Kate Kennally,**  
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# Our priorities for Cornwall

We will work with the people of Cornwall and use our resources wisely to protect and enhance our unique environment, create more homes and jobs for our residents and ensure everyone can live well and safely together.

## Our values

- ✓ **We listen:**  
we will work with the people of Cornwall
- ✓ **We are responsible:**  
we will use resources wisely
- ✓ **We act in the best interests of Cornwall:**  
putting people first

## Our aims

- ✓ **Ensure** everyone can live well and safely together
- ✓ **Create** more homes and jobs for residents
- ✓ **Protect** and enhance the environment







## Healthy Cornwall

- ✓ Better health for everyone
- ✓ Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable adults
- ✓ Provide care for hospital leavers (less time in hospital)
- ✓ Increase the aspirations for our young people
- ✓ Children are healthy, safe and protected from harm
- ✓ Fewer children living in poverty



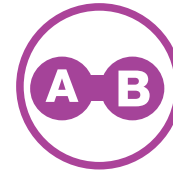
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## Green and prosperous Cornwall

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- ✓ Invest in skills required by employers
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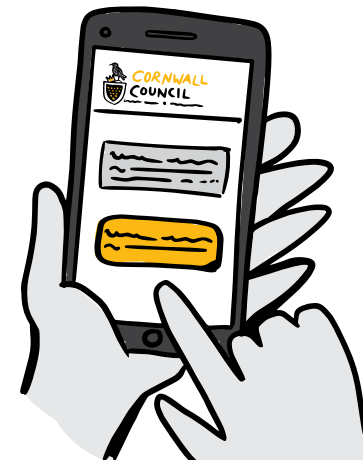
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## Democratic Cornwall

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- ✓ Lobby for fair funding
- ✓ To seek further devolution from Whitehall to Cornwall and within the Duchy
- ✓ Make Cornwall Brexit ready
- ✓ Strengthen local democracy, local decision making and local service delivery



# A year in the life...



## New Travellers' stopping place

Cornwall's first emergency stopping place for Gypsies and Travellers opened at South Treviddo near Liskeard.

## New Frontiers

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board unveiled the New Frontiers plan to support a local economy that works for everyone.



APRIL 2018

MAY 2018

## Royal visit to Coverack

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester met villagers and other volunteers, emergency and council services following the storm on 18 July 2017.

## Blue Flag beach winners

Cornish beaches are the best in the world, with more iconic Blue Flags and Seaside Awards fly over the coastline than any other part of the UK.

## Eight RSPCA Awards in a row

Our dog welfare and enforcement team was awarded an RSPCA Gold and Platinum Footprint for its work with stray dogs.

## Transforming adult care services

This work delivered some early wins. STEPS, Cornwall Council's re-ablement service, aims to support people to get mobile and live independently in their own homes.

NOVEMBER 2018

OCTOBER 2018

## Praise for regenerating seaside towns

The good work being done in our seaside communities was highlighted during a visit by five members of the House of Lords Regenerating Seaside Towns Committee.

## Social Worker wins national award

Emma Goodall was awarded Silver in the prestigious Social Worker of the Year Awards.

## Proud to Care festival

Truro hosted care providers and workers who were joined by some of those whose lives have been transformed by the care they have received.

## Child mental health services

HeadStart Kernow's work with Newquay Tretherras School was cited as a model example in a report from the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee.

DECEMBER 2018

JANUARY 2019

## More libraries' futures assured

Following the transfer of Wadebridge Library and Information Service, town councillors maintained their commitment to improving the service.

## Recognising Cornish

The UK Government was urged by Cornwall Council to think again about including a Cornish tickbox in the 2021 Census.



This chart shows a selection of headlines from April 2018 to March 2019, ending with us completing our first decade as a unitary authority. As one of the country's largest councils we have milestones large and small, for one and all – these are just a few of them.



### Queen's Birthday Honours

Andy Brigden, Cornwall Council's Maritime Manager, was awarded an OBE for his services to the ports and maritime industry.

JUNE 2018

### Emergency home relocations

Residents of 15 Callington properties were re-housed and supported after tests revealed mundic block in the properties.

### Tackling rough sleeping

New funding will specifically help rough sleepers off the streets, increasing crisis hostel accommodation, and delivering additional cold weather provision.

JULY 2018



### Cornwall Blue Light Day

750 adults with a learning disability or autism met the people and machines of the emergency services.

### Spaceport Cornwall

Plans for the first British satellite launch in 50 years were unveiled following a new partnership with Virgin Orbit.



### Heatwave brings out scam gardeners

Cornwall Council Trading Standards urged residents to be vigilant, especially at park home sites.

AUGUST 2018

### Cornwall's new fireboat

The **Skath An Tanlu** began operations after a ceremony held at Custom House Quay, Falmouth.



SEPTEMBER 2018

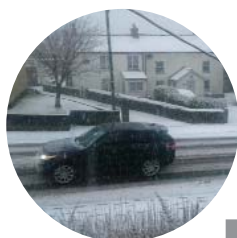
### Pool Innovation Centre

A plan to build on the success of the Pool Innovation Centre and support the growth of businesses in Cornwall was given the support of Cornwall Council.



### Major snowfall response

Cornwall Council, Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue, NHS and Cornwall Search and Rescue worked together through the night to help motorists stranded in heavy snow.



FEBRUARY 2019

### Cultural commitment

Cornwall Council, the Local Enterprise Partnership, Arts Council England, The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Historic England signed a Memorandum of Understanding.



MARCH 2019

### Sea defences project begins

One of Cornwall's most iconic seafronts is being protected and improved in a £3.7 million project at Long Rock.





# Healthy Cornwall

Cornwall has taken a pioneering integrated and whole-system approach to addressing some of the most acute challenges facing any local authority – these include a super-ageing population with a third due to be aged 65 or over by 2036, and one in five children living in low income households and therefore more susceptible to poor educational, physical and mental health outcomes.



## Our priorities

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- Provide care for hospital leavers (less time in hospital).
- Increase the aspirations for our young people.
- Children are healthy, safe and protected from harm.
- Fewer children living in poverty.

“ The help I received has transformed my life. I am now a Silverlinks Volunteer and I talk to people on the phone offering advice. ”

**Ian Searle**, 83, from Truro was struggling to manage in his home due to his visual impairment. With the help of Cornwall Home Solutions he has now moved into a ground floor flat in an area close to public transport.

## Our achievements

**Together for Families.** It's going to be easier for families across Cornwall to access education, health and social care support services as health visitors, school nurses, and speech and language therapists join Cornwall Council's other children's services. From 1 April 2019 employees transferred from Cornwall Foundation Trust to join educational and social care colleagues in a new, integrated children's services directorate. The combined service is named Together for Families.

**Headstart Kernow** is a multi-agency partnership led by Cornwall Council. Its work has been cited as a model example in a report from the House of Commons looking at the benefits of early intervention to improve children's mental health.

Work to tackle **fuel poverty** for up to 1,000 residents in Cornwall has won regional recognition. The Warm and Well Cornwall programme won Large Scale Project of the Year at the South West Regional Energy Efficiency Awards and was shortlisted for a national Local Government Chronicle Award.

The Centre for Ageing Better charity praised Cornwall Home Solutions in its Adapting for Ageing report as one of the “**best examples of English Councils supporting people** to live safely and independently at home.” This service supports people through stressful life-changing situations, from practical home adaptations to sourcing special equipment, providing financial advice and, in some cases, assistance with moving home.

## DadPad app launched

This is an easy to use resource for new dads and dads-to-be in Cornwall, packed with relevant information and details of local support groups and service providers.

## New Ofsted figures

Cornwall is officially one of the best performing areas in the South West for pre-school education.



## Tackling homelessness and isolation

Grass roots projects could be eligible to apply for grant funding under proposals to tackle the issues of loneliness and social isolation in Cornwall.



## Rodda's healthy workplace

Rodda's, a dairy business based in Redruth, has been an active member of the Healthy Workplace scheme. Employee health and wellbeing is very important to them and they have worked hard over the years with the Council's Healthy Cornwall team to ensure that staff health needs are addressed. This was recognised in the publication **Prevention is better than cure** by the Department of Health and Social Care in November 2018.

# 78%

of users are satisfied with the Council's children and family services 2018-19.



## Extra Care housing

The council has pledged to deliver over 3,500 extra care units by 2025. Submissions are now being called for from either a single partner or a collaboration of partners to deliver the first 750 of these units.

# 100%

participation by Cornwall's GP practices in the Primary Care National Diabetes Audit.



Over

# 1,000



people up to March 2019 signed up to a new Public Health 'Social Prescribing' scheme across 29 GP practices providing activities and community resources to improve wellbeing



## 60 over 60

The Council launched the 60 over 60 campaign to find residents whose stories can inspire others to make small changes to their lives. The campaign aims to shift the sometimes negative perceptions of ageing.

## Richard Lander School

The first secondary in Cornwall to be recognised with Sugar Smart status by the Healthy Schools Programme.



## Healthy Pregnancies

Cornwall Council has been shortlisted for the National Municipal Journal Awards in the Public Health Improvement Category for its work with pregnant mums to encourage them to quit smoking. Healthy Pregnancy advisors provide support to women following their 12-week dating scan.





# Homes for Cornwall

Cornwall needs well-planned growth. We are working with housing associations, community-led housing groups and developers to support them in building the homes that Cornwall needs in terms of affordability, quality and accessibility.



## Our priorities

- Provide 1,000 homes through the Council.
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- Bring empty properties back into use.
- Support Land Trusts and other providers to deliver homes.
- Lobby to protect residents impacted by welfare reform.
- Fewer people living in fuel poverty.

## Our achievements

Up to 250 **homes for people in need of temporary accommodation** will be purchased by the Council. The homes will be spread throughout Cornwall so that those who find themselves in need of a temporary home whilst they are helped to find a more permanent option can still be near work, school and family.v

**Bringing empty properties back into use.** 87 empty properties in Cornwall were brought back into use this year. This exceeded our original target of 60.



**747** housing adaptations for the disabled people completed

**42** households supported to relocate to suitable accessible homes

**1,300** older people assisted with small home improvements

Planning consent for a new **homeless hostel** with support contract agreed

“ Ecstatic is a good word. The family are really, really very happy with where we are going from here. We can start to settle down. ”

**Craig Vince** who, with his family, moved into one of the new homes bought by the Council in Dobwalls.

“ We are really pleased the partnership is reducing the numbers. We all acknowledge we still have much work to do, but are totally committed to ending rough sleeping in Cornwall. ”

**Steve Ellis**, CEO at St Petroc's homelessness charity

## Do you have a bright idea for a community project but are not sure how to fund it?

We teamed up with Crowdfunder to strengthen its support for not-for-profit organisations that work with local communities and contribute to environmental growth in Cornwall.

“The Seed Fund enabled us to carry out vital work keeping our beaches free of plastic, it provided vital funds to get our project totally up and running.”

**Rob Stevenson**, Beach Guardian project.



## Eco Town

An investment of £2.3m is helping to regenerate 500 acres of former china clay land and build a garden village in West Carclaze near St Austell, creating 1,500 new homes, health and community facilities, a primary school, employment floor space, leisure facilities and a country park.

The average house price in Cornwall is  
**9x**  
the average wage

**133**

new homes provided by the Council in 2018-2019

## Reducing rough sleeping

Cornwall Council and its partners welcomed another drop in the number of rough sleepers recorded on Cornwall's streets. The latest figures suggest a co-ordinated action plan to tackle the issue is continuing to have a positive effect, with a 22% drop in the latest count.

**36%**

of Cornwall's homes are in poor condition, which can mean poor health and increased costs to the NHS

**46%**

reduction in the total number of rough sleepers recorded in Cornwall since November 2016



 Sites for new homes



## Building new homes

Over 100 new homes are being built by Cornwall Council on pilot sites in Bodmin and Tolvaddon under our £250m Housing Development Programme. Further land has been purchased in Newquay, Redruth, Liskeard and Torpoint, and sites are due to be acquired at Launceston and East Taphouse.

## Cornwall's first transit stopping site

Work has begun on the second phase of Cornwall's first transit stopping site for Gypsies and Travellers at South Treviddo near Liskeard with pitches to accommodate up to 15 caravans at any one time.

The transit site can be used for stays of up to three months in a year. This allows Cornwall Council to guide families away from unauthorised encampments.





# Green and prosperous Cornwall

We're committed to clean growth that will meet residents' needs and protect our environment. Jobs and growth are vital to quality of living. Earnings in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have increased and more people than ever have NVQ Level 4+ qualifications. We've improved faster than the rest of England in these areas.



## Our priorities

- Use Council land to create jobs.
- Invest in skills required by current and future employers.
- More apprenticeships.
- Pay the Living Wage Foundation living wage.
- Reduce waste by increasing re-use and recycling.
- Support the development of renewable energy and environmental growth.
- Aspiring to a clean Cornwall that residents and visitors are proud of.

“ We are creating a sustainable tourism sector to boost the £1.86 billion visitors already contribute to the local economy. ”

Cornwall Council's submission to the 2019 Local Government Chronicle Awards, winning us one award and shortlisting for three others, including 'Council of the Year'

## Our achievements

Cornwall Council input into the **UK Fisheries Bill** was mentioned in the published Select Committee report, and Cornwall and Isles of Scilly outlined their rural agenda to the House of Lords Rural Economy Committee.

Cornwall is one of 20 **Careers Hubs** in the UK and undertook the largest skills show in the South West with over 3,000 students.

Nine Cornwall projects received **Coastal Community Funding**

**Kernewek** added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) world languages register.

**Halls for Cornwall grants** launched to help performance venues across the Duchy, and £800k of investment into immersive technology in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly's museums.

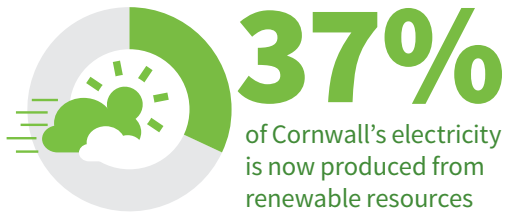
Cornwall's new £21m heritage archive **Kresen Kernow** is close to completion in Redruth.

The Development Management Service continues to be the **largest Local Planning Authority in the country**, determining nearly 8,000 planning applications last year. 92% had positive outcomes and 87% were determined in time. The new Area Teams Structure launched in April is working hard to achieve better quality development, community support for that development, and a more engaged workforce.

## Signing up to combat litter

Over 1,200 residents signed the **#LitterlessCornwall** pledge in 2018. Of these pledgees, nearly 800 have opted to be Green Champions, who will take part in cleaner, greener Cornwall campaigns. You can still sign up here [www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/litterless-cornwall](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/litterless-cornwall) The Council's campaign invited everyone to bag and bin their rubbish and 'leave only your footprints'.





### Revitalising Penzance promenade

Work is starting on a major Council funded scheme to revitalise Penzance promenade so that residents and visitors can enjoy Cornwall's only Victorian promenade for years to come. The improvements will be completed and ready ahead of the Tour of Britain road cycling event in 2020 when the field of world class cyclists will assemble on the promenade for the start of the race.

Over  
**£250,000**  
has been saved by diverting  
Cornwall's waste from landfill



### Spaces for nature

Over the next two years £3.5m will be spent on public recreational areas, roadside verges and old churchyards to make them better places for people and wildlife. Treskerby Playing Fields in Redruth is one of 30 projects transforming local urban green spaces, where students from Treleigh Community Primary School helped build more than 100 bug rooms to help attract pollinators.

### Geothermal energy

Drilling began on the £18m United Downs Deep Geothermal Power project near Redruth which has secured £10.6m from the European Regional Development Fund, match funded by £2.4m from Cornwall Council and £5m from the private sector.

### Highlighting marine pollution

Shoppers in Truro were invited to sit down for a meal of plastic litter as part of a campaign to highlight marine pollution. Dishes included old rope and plastic bottle tops spaghetti, a fry-up breakfast of plastic bags and sushi created from Lego, elastic bands and microplastic. Delia Webb from Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition, created the meals from litter collected from Cornwall's beaches with some items believed to be more than 50 years old.



**32,000**

tonnes of grass clippings, weeds,  
leaves and prunings collected by  
Cornwall Council last year - enough  
to fill 39 Olympic swimming pools



### Blue Flags

Cornwall's award-winning beaches. Last season Cornwall won eight Blue Flags and 13 Seaside Award Flags, increased in 2019 to a total of 22.

- Spaces for nature
- Blue Flag beaches 2018
- Blue Flag beaches 2019



# Connecting Cornwall

Our location and geography increase the importance of Cornwall having effective communications, including all forms of transport and the internet. Whether you are living, visiting or working in Cornwall, it is important for people, places and services to be connected within Cornwall and to other parts of the world, and even beyond with our ambition to build a spaceport.

## Our priorities

- Improve sea, road, rail, air and bus networks.
- Link bus and rail timetables, ferries and the airport.
- Give communities more influence to improve roads.
- Enhance broadband and mobile connectivity.



“ The partnership with Virgin Orbit will help position Cornwall as having the UK’s only horizontal launch facility. Spaceport Cornwall could eventually create 480 jobs and contribute £25m a year to the local economy. ”

UK Science Minister **Sam Gyimah**. The Local Enterprise Partnership’s Space Action Plan predicts that the wider space sector could create thousands more jobs in Cornwall and by 2030 be worth £1 billion a year.

## Our achievements

Works have been completed that enable **complimentary Wifi access** in waiting areas and on platforms at all Cornish rail stations.

**A £30m upgrade to rail signalling** in Devon and Cornwall has been completed. This has seen 21 additional signals on the Cornish main line and upgrades to 7 level crossings to improve safety. It has significantly increased the capacity of the railway network in Cornwall and is a key milestone in delivering 2 trains per hour in Cornwall.

**Sleeper lounges** for passengers on the upgraded Night Riviera train service are now available at Penzance, Truro and Paddington. The lounges offer free WiFi, complimentary refreshments and shower facilities.

GWR’s **new Hitachi Class 802 fleet**, has begun operations in Cornwall.

**Newquay Bus Station refurbishment** is completed, with indoor waiting area and customer enquiry desk, toilets and a changing places toilet facility, plus improved external bus shelters and real time displays. Truro Bus Station has also had maintenance and improvement works.

On 16 July 2018 **Virgin Orbit signed the partnering agreement with Cornwall Council**. Work will now commence to develop a detailed plan for launch by 2021 as well as a Spaceport and Operator Licence application. The first British satellite launch in five decades could take place from Cornwall within the next three years.

## Speed limiting technology

Cornwall Council has backed calls for new speed limiting technology to reduce the numbers of deaths and serious injuries on Cornwall’s roads. From 2022 all vehicles sold in Europe will have to be equipped with intelligent speed assistance and advanced emergency braking after new rules were provisionally agreed by the EU. The Department for Transport said the system would also apply in the UK, despite Brexit.





### Helping carers to park

People who receive care in their home and the carers who deliver that care are set to benefit from a new parking scheme being trialled by Cornwall Council. The Healthcare Permit Scheme is being launched as part of Cornwall Council's Positive Parking Framework. It will help Care Quality Commission accredited carers in Cornwall spend as much time as possible delivering vital care services to the people they care for, allowing them to park on the street for a limited time, even where there are single or double yellow lines.



### Superfast broadband

The superfast broadband extension project is complete, exceeding its targets by 40%, with £1.1m of additional funding secured from the Government to extend to 700 more rural premises.



# 95%

of Cornwall's premises are covered by Superfast Cornwall broadband



### Securing air links to the capital

As part of the new Cornwall Council led Public Service Obligation, funded by government, the new air service between Newquay and London Heathrow is operating four times a day, replacing FlyBe's previous triple-daily service between Newquay and London Gatwick. Cornwall Airport Newquay growth continues with around 460,000 passengers using the airport in 2017, its best year of operation so far.

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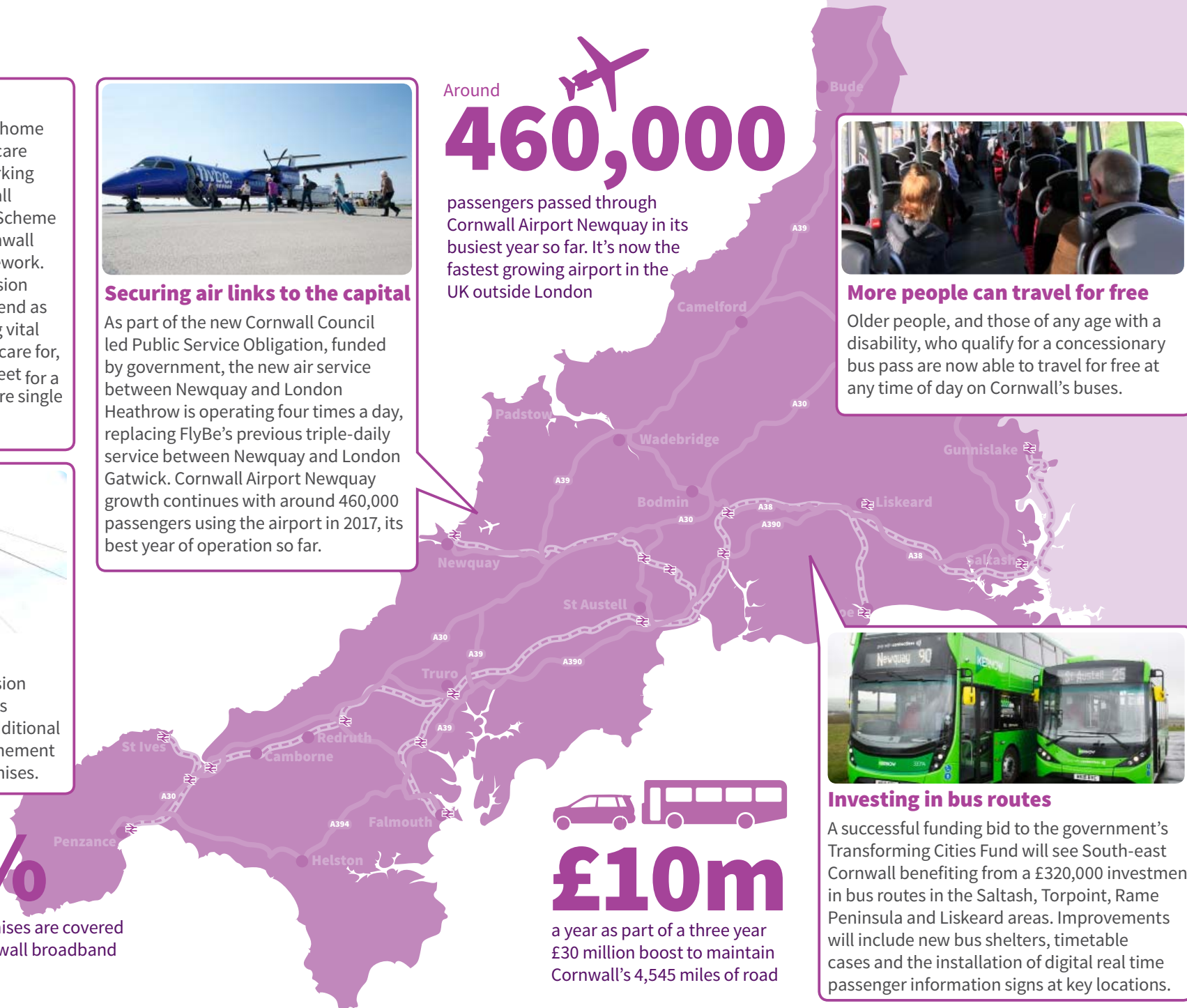
# 460,000

passengers passed through Cornwall Airport Newquay in its busiest year so far. It's now the fastest growing airport in the UK outside London



### More people can travel for free

Older people, and those of any age with a disability, who qualify for a concessionary bus pass are now able to travel for free at any time of day on Cornwall's buses.



### Investing in bus routes

A successful funding bid to the government's Transforming Cities Fund will see South-east Cornwall benefiting from a £320,000 investment in bus routes in the Saltash, Torpoint, Rame Peninsula and Liskeard areas. Improvements will include new bus shelters, timetable cases and the installation of digital real time passenger information signs at key locations.



# £10m

a year as part of a three year £30 million boost to maintain Cornwall's 4,545 miles of road



# Democratic Cornwall

We believe power should sit as close to the community as possible. We are committed to listen and give residents a greater say over decisions and put more community facilities back under local control. On the back of the 2015 Cornwall Devolution Deal the Council is gaining more powers from the Government and giving more control of Council services to the communities that use them.



## Our priorities

- Communicate better with our communities.
- Lobby for fair funding.
- To seek further devolution from Whitehall to Cornwall and within Cornwall.
- Make Cornwall Brexit ready.
- Strengthen local democracy, local decision making and local service delivery.

“ We, the Less Developed Regions in the UK, call for an ambitious new UK regional policy to recognise the need to address growing regional inequality in the UK. This should include a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) that is adequately funded and appropriately devolved. ”

**Joint letter** to James Brokenshire Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government from Cornwall Council Leader Adam Paynter and nine other leaders from across the UK's Less Developed Regions, asking for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund to replace the €13 billion of investment from European funding UK regions will lose once the UK leaves the EU.

## Our achievements

**Joint working** with the Enterprise Advisor Programme, providing data for the Skills Show booklet **To Boldly Go**.

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly outlined **rural agenda** to House of Commons Rural Economy Committee.

**Successful Welsh Local Government Association visit** to Cornwall to discuss Brexit preparedness and future joint working around the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Work undertaken to ensure **data and evidence is more accessible** for Council stakeholders and the service.

Creation of an evidence base to underpin the Council's principles for the **Shared Prosperity Fund**, ahead of the proposed consultation.

**High Streets Fund** expressions of interest submitted on time after a competitive process.

## Living wage

More workers in Cornwall than ever before are being paid a living wage thanks to Cornwall Council gaining Living Wage Foundation accreditation. Cornwall has the lowest wages in northern Europe, significantly lower than the UK average. To start changing this situation, Cornwall Council pledged to adopt the Living Wage Foundation rate rather than the minimum wage in 2015 as the lowest rate of pay for our directly-employed staff. The difference is currently £9 per hour compared to £7.83.





## Library Transformation

The Library Transformation Programme is drawing towards a successful conclusion, with 31 sites now complete. Most of the libraries have been devolved to town and parish councils and community groups. Benefits are realised with increased opening hours, footfall and number of books issued and the creation of community hubs.



## Jubilee Pool

Penzance's Jubilee Pool is a rare survivor, given the vast majority of open air lidos across the UK have either become derelict or, worse still, been demolished and lost for ever. Now the Friends of Jubilee Pool have been granted a 99 year lease by Cornwall Council, and the pool has been extensively refurbished. From later this year geothermal energy is being tapped to heat a section of the pool.

# 59%

of the Council's budget is spent on goods and services sourced from Cornwall, benefiting the local economy



## Action on climate change

Young people gathered at New County Hall in Truro on 15 March 2019 calling for more action on climate change. Cornwall Council welcomes the passion shown by young people on this subject and is keen to work with them to create a collective Cornish voice to lobby parliament. In January 2019 councillors declared a climate change emergency, calling on Westminster to provide the powers and resources necessary to achieve the target for Cornwall to become carbon neutral by 2030.

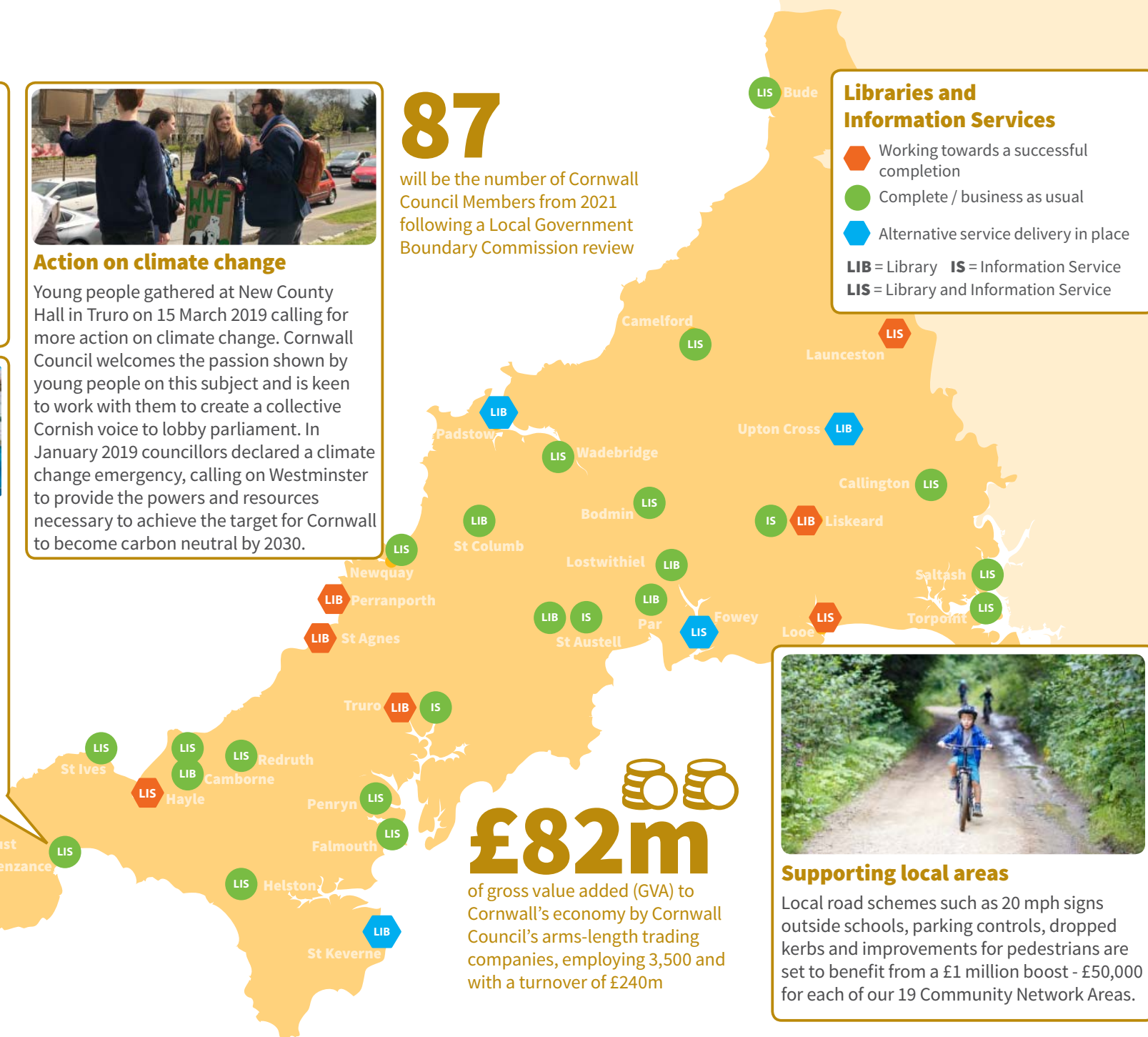
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will be the number of Cornwall Council Members from 2021 following a Local Government Boundary Commission review

## Libraries and Information Services

- Working towards a successful completion
- Complete / business as usual
- Alternative service delivery in place

**LIB** = Library **IS** = Information Service  
**LIS** = Library and Information Service



# £82m

of gross value added (GVA) to Cornwall's economy by Cornwall Council's arms-length trading companies, employing 3,500 and with a turnover of £240m



## Supporting local areas

Local road schemes such as 20 mph signs outside schools, parking controls, dropped kerbs and improvements for pedestrians are set to benefit from a £1 million boost - £50,000 for each of our 19 Community Network Areas.

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Other Cornwall Council publications you may like to read are available via this link:

**<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/key-council-documents/#-tab-478536>**

These include previous Annual Reports, the Cornwall Local Plan (2010-2030), Service Plans, and the Local Transport Plan.



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