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## **SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL COMMITS TO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN YOUTH WORK FUNDING**

Saltash Town Council has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to supporting young people by confirming a substantial increase in funding for professional youth work across the town.

The Council has allocated £300,000 for the provision of professional youth work services from April 2026 to March 2029, demonstrating a clear commitment to sustaining high-quality youth provision. This includes £100,000 for the 2026/27 financial year, building on the £60,842 provided in 2025/26.

In 2025/26, £30,421 was awarded to each of Livewire and The Core. The increased budget reflects a significant uplift in investment to meet the growing needs of young people across Saltash.

### **Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock of Saltash Town Council said:**

“Saltash Town Council is proud to continue investing in professional youth work across our town. High-quality youth services provide safe, supportive, and creative spaces where young people can develop confidence, life skills, and wellbeing. This increased funding reflects our commitment to ensuring that every young person has access to the opportunities and support they need to thrive.”

## **What is professional youth work?**

Professional youth work is delivered by qualified youth workers who build voluntary, trust-based relationships with young people aged 11 to 25. It takes place in informal community settings and focuses on personal, social, and educational development, helping young people build confidence, life skills, and improved wellbeing.

## **Why is it important?**

Saltash Town Council recognises that young people are a vital asset to the town and that there is a growing need for detached and open-access youth work. Local young people face increasing challenges, particularly around mental health and wellbeing.

High-quality youth work provides safe, supportive, and creative spaces where young people can develop skills, interests, and friendships. Delivered by skilled and experienced youth workers, these services offer trusted support and respond to growing demand. Reflecting this, youth work has been made a priority for the Council, with funding increased year on year.

Saltash Town Council has a strong history of supporting local youth organisations, including Livewire and The Core, which provide trusted youth services part-funded through the Council's budget.

### **Andy Rance - Livewire says:**

"I'd like to say a huge massive thank you to Saltash Town Council for supporting us this year and in previous years, and believing in the work that we do"

### **Charlotte Carpenter - The Core says:**

"We are incredibly grateful to Saltash Town Council for their continued funding of professional youth work. This support has made a real difference to The Core and to the lives of the young people we work with. Without it, we simply would not be able to offer the safe spaces, trusted support, and meaningful activities that young people depend on."

The Council's decision to increase funding reflects its ongoing commitment to youth wellbeing and development. By supporting professional youth work, Saltash Town Council helps ensure that young people have safe spaces, trusted relationships, and opportunities to thrive.

### **How funding is awarded**

Funding for professional youth work is allocated through a competitive tendering process. Local organisations submit proposals outlining how they would deliver services in line with the Council's specifications, including partnership working, safeguarding, and targeted support.

Submissions are reviewed by councillors, with awards made based on quality, experience, and value for money. Funded organisations are monitored to ensure agreed outcomes are met and that services remain safe and effective.

For more information on the youth work funding process, please look out for updates on the Saltash Town Council website and social media channels, or contact a member of staff at the Guildhall.

Anyone interested in applying for future youth work funding can visit [www.saltash.gov.uk](http://www.saltash.gov.uk) or contact the Council directly for guidance.

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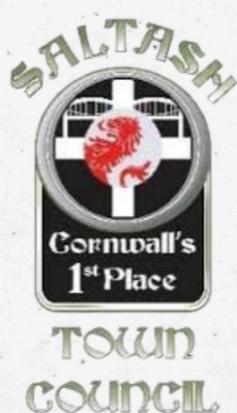
## **Notes To Editor**

Saltash Town Council forms the third tier of local government and works with Cornwall Council who are our Unitary Authority. We are the largest Town Council in the south-east area of Cornwall.

The Town Council is committed to providing excellence in the Services and Facilities which it delivers. We aim to be responsive, accessible, and transparent in our approach and in the work delivered.

There are sixteen Councillors representing three Wards – Essa, Tamar and Trematon. Councillors are elected from the community every four years. Spaces are filled via by-elections, or by means of the Town Council choosing new Councillors via co-option.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected by Members of the Town Council annually at the Annual Town Council meeting held in May. The Chairman also undertakes the role of Mayor representing the Town Council and community at official engagements, with their consort.



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