

Member briefing 23 June 2020

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Dear colleagues

My latest update comes on the same day as the announcement of some fundamental changes to the lockdown rules by Government, which will come into force on Saturday, July 4th. You can find [more information here](#).

The reduction of the 2m social distancing rule down to 1m, where it is safe to do so, will have a significant effect on the hospitality industry, and will allow many businesses to begin trading once more on July 4th for the first time in three months.

The ability for people to stay over in hotels, campsites and bed and breakfast also marks a significant easing of the current restrictions.

The opening up of tourism will need to be balanced alongside the need to keep our residents safe, and we will be working with local businesses to ensure that is the case.

Government has said that it will publish specific guidance for each sector on how to open up the economy safely and we await that further guidance. However, for Cornwall, we want to reiterate how important it is for people to keep on doing those basic things to keep safe, like washing your hands, maintaining your social distance and being especially considerate to those residents who are cautious, when you are out and about.

Here are the rest of your updates for today:

Cash for communities to kickstart low carbon projects

Community groups can apply for up to £100,000 to fund projects to boost greener living as Cornwall Council launches a new scheme to support low carbon investments. Since January 2019 Cornwall Council has been charging developers Community Infrastructure Levy, or CIL, as a way to reduce any potential adverse impacts on an area resulting from a development.

CIL payments are set aside by Cornwall Council to be spent on projects to benefit communities and support development such as in new or improved infrastructure.

Between 15 to 25 per cent of the levy goes to the town or parish council where the development has taken place and so far Cornwall Council has paid £203,900 to local councils through the CIL.

Now we are making available a further £500,000 collected to not-for-profit organisations and constituted community groups, including local councils, who can all bid for funds to pay for infrastructure projects which encourage greener and healthier lifestyles.

The new CIL Fund which will be launched on July 1 will hand out grants of £20,000 to £100,000 through a competitive application process. Applicants will need to show how there is local need and community support for their project as well as how it will enable lower

carbon living as part of the Council's ambitions for Cornwall to become carbon neutral by 2030. This could include projects such as new pedestrian and cycle paths to improve links around and to community centres, improvements or creation of green spaces using infrastructure, or the adaptation of community buildings to enable multi-use functions such as improved access to health facilities and physical activities.

Infrastructure projects that will help communities recover from the impact of COVID-19 will also be welcomed.

The application form and guidance will be available at www.cornwall.gov.uk/cil from 1 July. Deadline for applications is 19 October 2020.

Lifeguard cover

In addition to the 24 Cornish beaches already with lifeguard cover, the RNLI has announced the following beaches to come on stream over the coming weeks:

From 27 June

- Kennack
- Gyllyngvase
- Godrevy
- Gwithian South
- Upton Towans
- Beach View
- Porthminster
- Gwenver
- Porthcurno
- Porthcothan
- Booby's
- Trevone

From 4 July

- Seaton
- Tregantle
- Crantock
- Crantock River
- Towan
- Tolcarne
- Porth
- St Agnes
- Perran Sands
- Sandymouth

From 9 July

- Crackington Haven

This means Lifeguard posts on over 70% of the beaches the RNLI would usually cover.

Cabinet meeting

Thank you to all of those who joined us for the cabinet meeting online last week, and I hope you felt the proceedings went well and were easy to follow using the new technology.

If you did not manage to see the meeting, you can [catch up with it online here](#).

Important links

All coronavirus related enquiries or issues to our dedicated email address covid19@cornwall.gov.uk. This email address is monitored seven days-a-week.

Anyone who needs help can request a volunteer by ringing 01872 266988 or emailing requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk.

Find out more about the support available for businesses here: [Business Rate Support Council Tax Support](#) and [Growth Hub](#)

Please take care of yourselves,

Best wishes

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Leader of the Council