

COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS
LOOE EAST AND ST MARTINS.
REPORT TO LOOE TOWN COUNCIL 19th FEBRUARY 2018

ELECTORAL REVIEW

Since becoming a Cornwall Councillor in 2003 I have represented the town as a whole then Looe and St Martins and now Looe East and St Martins. The current electoral review will cut the number of Councillors to 87 and increase the size of the areas. The new proposed ward for Looe East will extend to take in Donderry, Seaton, Morval and up to the edge of Liskeard. My feelings are that since the demise of Caradon the power has moved to Truro and so has the representation. When the final decisions are made I will write to you and expand on this.

A38

Recently a group of local Cornwall Councillors met with Sheryl Murray MP, Highways England and Cornwall Council over issues with the A38. This was a productive meeting and progress is being made to bring in improvements to this road. Our MP is pushing for projects to be included in the next round of Highways programmes nationally.

CORNWALL COUNCIL BUDGET

The administration is looking at a budget increase of 4.99% in this year's budget and this will be a difficult decision as many working families are struggling. With increases in the Police and Town Council precepts the impact will be greater for us all. Yet there will still be a need for cuts in the budget and further devolution to Town and Parishes. There are difficult times and I am seeing an increase in issues being raised with me especially with the high costs of rents. People are struggling and in the main it is the workers on the minimum wage that have households just above the benefits levels. Having carefully considered what to say at the Budget meeting I will say what needs to be said.