

COUNCILLOR ARMAND TOMS  
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## PARKING CHARGES

You will have seen in the media that Cornwall Council are looking at zoning areas for parking and if this is done there will be massive increases in car parking charges. This will affect the car parks in Looe and some increases could be as much as 500%, not something I can support and will be attending meetings to fight Looe's case on this matter. My research on this matter shows that there can be a negative impact on towns and businesses through excessive increases in car parking charges. It may bring increases in some areas but big decreases in others. The Council has got it wrong on so many levels and will share my report on this soon.

## SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

I attend an all members briefing on the Shoreline Management Plan a interesting subject especially for Looe and its ambitions for sea defences. It was clear that Looe will be missing out on funding on the current formula due to it not protecting a large number of home. Yet I was able to make the case to Officers about the economic impact to the town should anything happen and also the effect on the economy of the wider area. The current position is that we hold the line, or in other words maintain the current defences. I have put questions to the team that presented about the fact that the centre between the current defences is soft and susceptible to damage and flooding. This will require more protection to protect the town's assets and infrastructure. When I have the full reply to my questions I will share with you all.

## POLICE

It has been a long process and the joint Devon and Cornwall Police Committee have voted against the proposed merger of the force with Dorset. Whilst they will still work together on a range of matters including procurement etc. This merger would have lead to a large increase in Police precept for our residents and this would be harmful for many of the low paid workers of Cornwall.