

COUNCIL REPORT
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POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

I have been selected to join the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel by Cornwall Council. This will give me the opportunity to highlight the lack of Policing in this area and the consequences that now are appearing. The Police Commissioner Mr Hogg is heading a campaign to show how Devon and Cornwall residents are paying more as a proportion of the Police precept than many of the other parts of the Country. We pay 39% of the total amount of the precept for our area whilst it is 17% in Liverpool, 22% in Manchester and 27% in London. As with out council tax the Panel will be calling for fairer funding for the Force, I have written to Sheryll Murray MP asking her to support this campaign and she will be.

WATER BASED ACTIVITIES CHARGING

The council because of the cuts imposed by government are looking for ways to raise income and a team of officers are looking at beaches which the own to increase income. Currently the Council only charges on a small number of beaches for concessions. They are looking at Charging Surf Schools for the use of 12 of its beaches and much discussion has been had over whether it should be a flat rate per school or per board. At the last full council we had a long debate on this and it has been returned to the Portfolio Committee for further debate. When you look at the local situation East Looe Town Trust charge for the use of their beach as it costs to insure it and keep it clean, I feel that this something that the council should also do.

CAR PARKING

At the last full Cornwall Council meeting I put a well supported Motion to the council asking for a Discount Card for Local Residents and Businesses in all Cornwall Council Car Parks. This will be going to the relevant Portfolio Advisory Committee in the near future. As a town i have received several complaints from locals and businesses about the increased charges in the Council Carparks. The council claim that they consulted with us and business but from what i have seen, heard and experienced the council failed on all accounts. Two local businesses have been directly impacted with changes to the rules and conditions set for parking which directly impacts on the costs for their visitors. I intend to challenge the council if need be to the Ombudsman about this as they failed in the consultation process.

