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Agenda Item: 108 Voluntary Visitor Payback Scheme Feasibility Study
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1 Purpose. To consider a request from St Ives and Penzance Town Councils to submit a funding application to the Community Capacity Fund on behalf of the 3 pilot towns Looe, St Ives and Penzance.

2 Decision Required. Councillors are asked to consider the recommendation at 5.

3 Background

3.1 At the last meeting of the Full Council, it was agreed to work with partners to fund a feasibility study exploring the benefits, barriers and possible methodologies for implementing a voluntary visitor payback scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to support the joint venture with financial contributions proportionate to each participating council's size and with a limit for LTC contribution being £3,000.

4. Funding

4.1 Cornwall Council have recently announced the re-opening of the Community Capacity Fund. This is a funding strand of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and comes under the Good Growth Programme.

4.2 St Ives and Penzance Town Councils have received funding under the 'Town Deal' programme and would therefore be considered a low priority for additional funding. The Lead Officer for the Community Capacity Programme has advised that Looe Town Council could apply on behalf of the partnership and the feasibility study fits the funding criteria.

4.3 The Clerk has checked with the Lead Officer for the Community Capacity Programme that being the lead applicant would not preclude the Council applying for funding for feasibility studies.

4.4 The Clerks at St Ives and Penzance have confirmed that they are happy to take the lead on completing the application form.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Council agree to submit a funding application to the Community Capacity Fund on behalf of the pilot towns.

