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This report sets out actions taken as a result of previous Council meetings and provides an update on other key issues for the information of Councillors.

Min	Action Required	By Who	Progress/proposal
FC41.1	Discuss with the Business Forum support for using the DISC reporting software	TC	Business Forum has discussed and is supportive. DISC costs have been included in draft budget 2025/6
FC46.2b	That the Town Council sign a license with Cornwall Council to use and maintain the wooden structure near the entrance to Kilminorth Woods for the purposes of providing information about the Smugglers Way Walk.	TC	Planning application for sign submitted but need to discuss with planning officer additional information that has been requested.
FC24/25. 68	Draft devolution Statement Revised draft to be circulated to Councillors Mayor to sign on behalf of Council	TC/Mayor	Revised draft circulated to Councillors
FC24/25.71	Provide a grant to Looe Business Forum for Christmas in Looe. The amount of grant to be determined by the amount of money the forum raise as match funding. Maximum grant of £1,500	TC	The forum raised £925

Other Items for Information:

1 **Road Closure A387 Polperro Road & North Road Junction, West Looe**

All staff have been involved in providing information about the road closure. Answering enquiries and liaising with individuals and organisations has taken a considerable amount of staff time. The Clerk together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Chair of the Business Forum and Cornwall Councillors Armand Toms and Jim Candy have worked with Cornwall Council leading to the following changes;

- Road signs have been amended to give clearer information and promote that Looe is open.
- Bus routes have been amended to provide a shuttle service for the community in West Looe which stops at the Millpool car park.
- The road is open under traffic lights for Lantern Parade, Christmas Tractor Rally and late-night shopping
- Requested that school taxis be allowed through the road closure alongside the school buses.

While these improvements are welcomed the Town Council should ask for a review meeting when the road reopens so that lessons learnt can be developed into a protocol for managing future events of this nature.

2 **Visitor Contribution Scheme.** Work is progressing with this feasibility study. Helpful and supportive discussions have taken place with Airbnb and Booking.com. Conversations have also taken place with larger local accommodation providers who have expressed support in being involved with developing a scheme. A final report will be produced by the end of December.

3 **Community Energy Solutions Working Group.** This group met for the first time and agreed priorities and a draft action plan (see appendix A). These ideas have been included in the draft Council action plan for 2025/6 and budget discussions.

4 **Visit Looe Review Working Group.** This group has reviewed future options for the website. Officers are currently developing a specification so that set up and ongoing costs can better understood. A report for full council will be produced early in the New Year.

5 **Wildanet.** The Clerk met with the Corporate Sales Development Manager to discuss Wildanet's aspiration to bring hi speed connectivity to businesses.

Wildanet has been awarded the government contract to provide a full fibre network for homes in Cornwall [ProjectGigabit | Wildanet](#) but linking businesses to the network is dependent on sufficient business interest. Wildanet have asked the Council to facilitate conversations with the business community so that they can understand if a project in Looe is commercially viable.

6 **Lantern Parade and Light Switch on.** The following Councillors have volunteered to help with this event Cllr Toms, Cllr Remington, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Gregory, Cllr Barker and Cllr Graham-Jones. Please can all Councillors attend the **Marshal briefing at 5pm in the Council Chamber on Friday 29th November.**

<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Visit Bude & Redruth (Geothermal)</p> <p>Reduce CO2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy local/shop local initiatives • Feasibility study – all sources of renewable energy including geothermal to be explored. • Promote re-use, borrow/hire rather than buy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Library of things ○ Support Shedders • All reports to reflect CO2 & environmental considerations. • Use no single use plastics • Active energy reduction in all premises. Review lighting, energy providers (green energy). Make a programme for improvements. • All toilet lights to be motion activated. • Minimise car use, encourage walk/cycle/public transport use. • Buy Green energy • Retro fit with energy efficient measures – make a programme. 	
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Reduce CO2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift share schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate other Cornish councils – probably just facilitation ○ Create a grant pot for smallish grants to encourage and enable carbon-reduction schemes. Grant applications to include positive/negative environmental impacts. ○ Work with businesses on ‘plastic free Looe’ research people involved and revive previous initiative. ○ Plastic free coastline initiative/ Marine Conservation group. <p>Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on energy efficiency measures • Promote professional reviews • Hand held infrared/thermal imaging camera/detectors. Possible loan scheme. • Grant availability for insulation/renewables energy audits. • Developing community scale energy projects • Identify sites refer to feasibility. • List of local accredited energy assessors. <p>Investigate shared and community transport.</p>	