








PENZANCE COUNCIL – 13 JANUARY 2025**REPORT FOR DECISION****THREE-PHASE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY – PENLEE PARK**

Our Culture	Our Decision Making	Our Environment	Our Money	Our People	Our Places	Our Resilience & Wellbeing
						
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Recommendation:

1. It be noted that, at its meeting held on 2 December 2024, the Leisure and Amenities Committee resolved the following:-

‘Options be considered to explore the potential to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park.’

2. Virements of up to £20,000 be made from the Penlee Park Infrastructure reserve (currently standing at £60,984) to budget line 1015/10 Penlee Park – Capital Projects to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park.

Background:

There have been historic aspirations to install a three-phase electrical supply in Penlee Park. This was highlighted in the summer of 2024 when further work was undertaken to establish whether power could be supplied to support the Penzance Food Festival. These investigations did not identify a cost-effective option, primarily due to the aim of installing the supply in the lower end of Penlee Park.

Further conversations have been held recently regarding the need for the Coach House project to have a three-phase electrical supply installed in order to sufficiently power the new café.








It is now suggested that the Leisure and Amenities Committee explore the options of funding the installation of the supply, at or near the current Council Office building. A number of reasons to undertake the piece of work are set out below.

- 1) Potential to provide power supply support for future events in Penlee Park
- 2) Potential to explore options for festive lighting in certain areas of Penlee Park
- 3) Reduce the associated costs of the Coach House Project by Leisure and Amenities installing the main supply with the possibility of a smaller piece of work to connect this to the Coach House.

At its meeting held on 2 December 2024, the Leisure and Amenities Committee considered this report and unanimously resolved to make the recommendation(s) set out above. The report was subsequently considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting held on 16 December 2024 where it too unanimously resolved to make the recommendations set out above.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

PENZANCE COUNCIL – 13 JANUARY 2025**REPORT FOR DECISION****FUTURE DEVOLUTION AND CORNWALL COUNCIL ASSETS**

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Recommendation:

1. Meetings of the Devolution Working Group be convened to begin the development an options appraisal for a future devolution programme.
2. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to enter into negotiations with Cornwall Council to determine the likely outcomes of its budget constraints and the potential for the future devolution of assets and services.

Background:

Having now completed the devolved transfer of Princess May Recreation Ground, Penzance Council has committed to a community consultation to understand the local community's aspirations for the site in terms of improvements and future management, which can potentially inform the approach to other sites.

The Leisure and Amenities Committee has committed to developing an Open Spaces Strategy but has acknowledged that the significant budgetary challenge for Cornwall Council is having a particular impact on the Environment Service and on open space delivery. For example, discussions are ongoing regarding additional funding for footpath maintenance, play equipment has been removed from Heamoor Recreation Ground and there is uncertainty over all play areas as well as the future maintenance of Town Deal public realm enhancements. This is in addition to recent consultations on the future of leisure provision and on the closure of a number of services.

At the recent Cornwall Association of Local Councils Larger Council's Committee, concern was raised by all town councils regarding the impact of Cornwall Council's budget cuts and its current approach to devolution.

As a result, a meeting is being established with the Strategic Director responsible for Localism and Devolution and town council representatives.

In order for Penzance Council to develop any future plans for devolution it is proposed the Devolution Working Group be convened to develop an options appraisal, taking into account both local priorities as well as future provision and challenges in terms of Cornwall Council budget cuts. To inform this work it is proposed authority is also delegated to the Town Clerk to enter into direct discussions with Cornwall Council to understand the impact of budget cuts on services locally.

This report was considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting held on 16 December 2024 where it unanimously resolved to make the recommendations set out above.

James Hardy
Town Clerk