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Good evening,

I would like to start my report this month with an update on the Cornwall Youth Council, as a Councillor Advocate for the youth council I have been very impressed with the progress made with the youth council over the last three years and the effort made by the authority the advocates from all parties and the dedicated officer team to really give the youth of Cornwall a platform to express their views and the opportunity to question not only the council members but also the senior officer team that ultimately make the decisions that effect all young people across Cornwall whether it be education, facilities within the community, or access to special needs expertise.

This March the results of the youth council elections will be announced at a special results event in Truro there has been a record turnout with seventeen education settings across Cornwall hosting elections of candidates much improved on previous years.

Twelve candidates will make up the new Youth Council and the Chair will be elected by those voting members, the youth council have this year visited parliament to raise questions with the ministerial team and also appeared on radio Cornwall, they now have a dedicated communications officer and will in future hopefully have their full council meetings recorded on the live stream as we do at full council, we have two local students from Cape Cornwall Academy up for election and I am sure you would all like me wish them every success at the forthcoming elections.

The draft budget for the coming year has been published and it will be interesting to see if an alternative budget is presented by the opposition parties at full council on the 20th of February full council meeting.

There is still SPF funding available and although the timescale to complete projects is tight there may still be the opportunity for some smaller projects to bid and complete on time.

On the 13th of February I will be meeting with the Police Inspector and also the new neighbourhood Sargent to ensure a smooth handover of police liaison meetings and also ensure that the lines of communications we have established through the CAP continue uninterrupted.

As some of you will be aware following the reopening of the front desk at Penzance police station and others across Cornwall and Devon and the favourable response from members of the public and also the benefit to D+C police the crime commissioner has bid to open more front desks across the force area, also more focus will be put on anti-social behaviour and shop lifting as well as other low level crime.

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