

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish – October 2023

I hope you are all well as we continue through an October where the weather has been nicer than it was for most of August!

In a follow up to the information in my report from last month, the rollout of the new bins has now started in our area.

The local waste services manager gave a talk at our recent Community Area Partnership meeting on the changes, which was very helpful.

Although the bins are being rolled out now, the new service regime itself won't start until January 2024.

I have asked the Cornwall Council flood manager for an update regarding the various issues raised by the flood prevention group last month. He has offered to meet with them again to discuss further, so do let me know if you want me to arrange this or if you want to do it direct with him.

Cornwall Council's Asset Management Group is meeting tomorrow to kick start the formal devolution process for the Jubilee Field in Tregrehan Mills. I have already feedback my support for the whole area to be devolved to the parish council to be locally maintained for the continued enjoyment of the community.

Finally, on a Cornwall-wide matter I was delighted to see mine and Cllr Kate Ewert's Motion to Cornwall Council from back in May to make care experience a protected characteristic when it comes to Cornwall Council's decisions unanimously backed by Cornwall Council's Cabinet.

As Cornwall Councillors we are all corporate parents and are responsible for those young people currently in care in Cornwall, much as I once was in care before I was adopted many years ago.

Treating care experience as a protected characteristic will help to address inequalities faced by many people who have spent time in the care of a local authority - in Cornwall or elsewhere - as a child.

Evidence shows that people with care experience are more likely to experience issues with a large variety of areas including employability, health, and crime.

The Cabinet's vote puts care experience at the heart of the council's decision-making process and that the council will build on the good work it already does in this area and will improve the lives of people with care experience in Cornwall, now and in the future.

Thank you too all the councillors and council staff, as well as Cornish charity Carefree, for their hard work in helping us make the case and getting the right result on this really important matter.

As ever, should people need my assistance with anything, please contact me on 07885 277670 or at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk