

13. Correspondence

- 13.1. 20231212 Council Tax Referendum Principles 2024 25 *For information* Cllrs are informed that on 5th December 2023 the Government published a policy paper on the Local Government finance policy statement 2024 to 2025 in which the proposed council tax referendum principles for the year were set out. It stated that there will be no council tax referendum principles of 'thresholds of excessiveness' for town and parish councils – meaning that there is no formal cap on increases that Parish and Town Councils can make to their portion of council tax, but the government will review the decisions taken by these authorities when considering referendum principles in future years.
- 13.2. 20231212 Peninsula Transport seeks your views – consultation on regional transport strategy launched *For consideration* Cllrs are informed that Peninsula Transport, the sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils, has opened a public consultation on its draft transport strategy. The strategy will be used to guide regional transport investment decisions through to 2050. It sets out four outcomes and a route map to achieving a strategic transport network that works for everyone – from businesses to communities and visitors. The deadline for comments is 5th February 2024. The consultation can be found on this web link: <https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/peninsula-transport-strategy-consultation/> (HTML)
- 13.3. 20231212 Subscription fees in 2024 25 *For information* Cllrs are informed that DALC has proposed to increase the cost of subscription to its services in 2024/25 and has provided a breakdown of how the increase will impact the council to enable financial planning. It is predicted that the cost to Harberton Parish Council will be £437 for the year, an increase of £122 on the previous year's subscription.
- 13.4. 20231218 Publication of the Electoral Register 2024 *For information* Cllrs are informed that the District Council published the 2024 Register of Electors on the 1 December. A Notice of Publication with the request to display this on parish notice boards. Under section 107(8) of the Representation of the People Regulations 2001 the Parish Council is entitled to a single copy of the full Register of Electors for the Parish. The Clerk will make a request in writing for the data copy of the register. It is noted that there are restrictions to how the register may be used.
- 13.5. 20231219 Patching Works - East Moore Cross to West Leigh Cross Harberton *For information* Cllrs are informed that Devon Highways will be carrying out patching works on East Moore Cross to West Leigh Cross Harberton between Monday 29 January and Friday 09 February 2023. Due to the nature of the works a road closure is required and the diversionary route for traffic will be signposted, and advance signs will also be placed on the Highway. Emergency access will be maintained. Drivers with local knowledge will be able to use alternative side roads but these will not be publicly advertised for safety.