

9. STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

9.1 Introduction

We recognise that we are required to demonstrate a 'broad cross section of support' for this proposal. To achieve this, the county council has engaged with its stakeholders and has sought to accommodate their views in this bid document. In addition, we have commissioned independent research to gauge public opinion.

Our stakeholders have told us that they welcome potential changes to the structure of local government in Cornwall, and that they will support the move to a single local authority in the county.

9.2 Our partners

The county council has always recognised the importance of understanding the needs of our partners and stakeholders in all sectors – public, private, voluntary and community. To this end we have undertaken a comprehensive programme of stakeholder engagement during the autumn to gather public opinion and help formulate this proposal. We want to give a clear understanding of our vision for a single council for Cornwall, whilst at the same time ensuring that we listened to those issues that concerned our stakeholders, when formulating the proposed changes.

During the autumn of 2006 we organised and attended events ranging from countywide conferences, committees and board meetings, to focus groups and one to one discussions with representatives from all sectors engaged in providing services to the people of Cornwall, including representatives from the fire service and the police, the voluntary and community sectors.

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sector, social care providers, sustainable energy partnerships, further education, learning and skills, the business community and faith communities. We have also engaged organisations such as NHS SW and the SWRDA to offer a strategic perspective.

Key stakeholders engaged in this series of events were:

- Combined Universities Cornwall
- Connexions
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust
- Cornwall Association of Local Councils
- Cornwall Business Partnership
- Cornwall Care
- Cornwall Chamber of Commerce
- Cornwall Economic Forum
- Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change
- Cornwall Rural Community Council
- Cornwall Strategic Partnership
- Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership
- Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum
- Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
- Faith Communities in Cornwall

