

Economy and Transport Programme Board Meeting and Site Visits

6 – 7 July 2011, Cornwall Council, Truro

The journey from London Paddington to Truro is approx 5hrs. For the timings of the Board Meeting on Wednesday 6 July and the Site Visits on Thursday 7 July, suggested train times from London are as follows:

Outbound:

Leaving:	From:	To:	Arrives:
10:06am	London Paddington	Truro	2:26pm
12:06pm	London Paddington	Truro	4:26pm

Return:

Leaving:	From:	To:	Arrives:
1:32 pm	Truro	London Paddington	6:21pm
2:41 pm	Truro	London Paddington	7:24pm
3:27 pm	Truro	London Paddington	8:39pm

DAY 1

Before 5:00pm	Members arrive at Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro
5:00pm	Political Group Meetings Conservative Group – Room ‘Exchange 4E.3’ Labour Group – Room ‘Exchange 4E.7’ Liberal Democrat Group – Room ‘Exchange 4E.11’ Members will be escorted from the main reception at County Hall to the Political Group Meetings and from there to the Trelawney Room in time for the Programme Board meeting.
5:30 – 7.30pm	Board Meeting – please see agenda.
7.30pm	Travel to Mannings restaurant for dinner
8:15pm	Dinner at Mannings restaurant - www.trurorestaurants.co.uk

DAY 2

8:45am	Members assemble at Cornwall Council, County Hall, Truro.
9:00am	Members depart by Park and Ride Bus. There is space available on the bus for luggage to be stored and the bus will take Members to Truro Railway Station on return from the site visits.

9:00am - 9:45am During the journey Nigel Blackler, Head of Transportation, Waste and Environment will brief Members on the projects being visited.

The study visits will take place in the Camborne, Pool and Redruth area, a deprived part of the county that has been a focus for regeneration and investment in transport infrastructure. Members will learn how CPR Regeneration, Cornwall's Urban Regeneration Company, is bringing prosperity back to the area. Its mission is to re-establish the area as a place of innovation, quality and wealth that will be the engine of change for Cornwall in the 21st Century.

9:45am Arrive at Pool Innovation Centre, for a tour of the building and superfast broadband presentation.

The Pool Innovation Centre – opened in 2010 as part of regeneration work to stimulate economic growth and development in the heartlands of Cornwall. The University of Plymouth is managing the centre - the first of its kind in the county - on behalf of Cornwall Council. Backed by £9m of ERDF Convergence investment, and almost £3m from the South West RDA, the centre offers business incubation and networking benefits to local businesses. The Centre is already home to 20 companies and 4,000 members of Cornwall's business sector have interacted with centre. The three-storey centre has space for 49 offices of varying sizes, seven shared meeting rooms and a conference facility. Its fibre optic broadband infrastructure has attracted several digital and creative businesses, as well as professional services, arts and media companies.

Members will hear about Cornwall's innovative partnership with BT to roll out superfast broadband and will have the opportunity to discuss how Cornwall Council and its LEP is engaging with local businesses to tackle key issues, such as youth unemployment.

There will be presentations from Richard Scutt, Pool Innovation Centre Manager and Ranulf Scarbrough and/or Nigel Ashcroft, Directors Superfast Broadband Cornwall.

11.00am Travel to Heartlands, for a site tour.

The Heartlands Site – The Heartlands regeneration programme is a £35m regeneration scheme to transform a former mining site into an inspiring, low carbon, sustainable community development which is accessible to all and which celebrates and enriches understanding of the local culture, heritage and natural environment. Building work is due to be completed in autumn

2011.

Members will hear how the Heartlands Project is working with local communities, businesses, schools and the voluntary sector to transform the physical and built environment in Pool to create a thriving community hub for local residents and a landmark destination for visitors. There will be a particular focus on local creative projects as a driver of economic growth and transport improvements. This will include how Cornwall Council negotiated a deal with Western United Mines to “swap land” that means a vital new road link can be built, and how road and cycle ways are being integrated into the development. This will include a wider discussion about the transport accessibility challenges Cornwall faces.

There will be presentations from Scott James, Programme Director and Vicky Martin, Chief Executive of the Heartlands Trust (tbc).

12:30pm

Travel to Truro. The bus will take members to Truro Railway Station.

During the journey there will be an opportunity to reflect on the study visits and to discuss the key learning points to be shared widely with councils.

Further information

<http://www.cprregeneration.co.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.heartlandscornwall.com/heartlands-latest/>

<http://www.poolinnovationcentre.co.uk/>

<http://www.superfastcornwall.org/>