



Helston Town Council

Konsel an Dre Hellys

CORNISH LANGUAGE POLICY

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1. The Council recognises the distinctive nature of Cornwall and its responsibility to cherish and protect its special heritage.
2. The Council sees the Cornish Language as a vital part of contemporary culture and heritage and welcomes the work that has been done by Cornwall Council and other bodies and individuals towards promoting its revival, wider usage and status as a European minority language.
3. The Council will remember the language's role in the arts, in relation with European nations and with Cornish diaspora¹ around the world. The Council will be mindful of the cultural benefits that may accrue from the language. This will include appropriate use by the Council, in connection with tourism and publicity, and in submissions to the Government and to the EU where Cornwall's cultural distinctiveness reinforces its claim to special consideration.
4. The Council will, where appropriate, encourage the use of the language for the naming of streets.
5. The Council will, wherever practicable, provide and support the provision of bilingual signage. This will extend to other public information documents produced by or supported by the Council.
6. The Council will, within its resources and scope of activities obtaining support from the Cornish Language Board where required, seek to provide information about the language – its availability, its history, its use and its development – and will, where appropriate, support development initiatives through its community grants.
7. The Council recognises the efforts of the other Councils in Cornwall in relation to the language and will, where appropriate, work with those councils to:
 - Achieve greater appreciation and use of the language;
 - Support work to raise its national and international status; and
 - Support initiatives to gain resources for its continued development and use.
8. Helston Town Council acknowledges the recent 'Standard Written Form' of the Cornish language as the preferred version for the council's use.

¹ A portion of an ethnic or cultural group who have moved away from their own country for economic or social reasons.