

## St Ives Rugby Football Club decision welcomed

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One of nine local projects due to be delivered as part of the multi-million pound St Ives Town Deal has taken a major step forward after members of St Ives RFC agreed at their recent EGM to proposals to relocate the current clubhouse and second team pitch.

The land currently used by the rugby club is now available for the potential delivery of much needed extra care homes, which incorporate design features and support services to enable self-care and independent living, and affordable housing for local people.

It also means that the project to reposition and refurbish the rugby club facilities is ready to move forward to the planning application stage. The proposals seek to create a modern clubhouse facility with two full size sports pitches for use by the club and the local community.

The current indicative plans will now be developed into a hybrid planning application aimed at securing detailed consent for the new sports facilities, and an outline consent for the housing on the released land. The plans propose for the new sports facility to remain on the same site but be relocated further north to free space for new affordable housing.

Russell Baragwanath, Chairman of St Ives RFC said: "The Rugby Club is delighted that our members supported this exciting proposal, which will see updated sports facilities for the club and much needed housing for the town."

"We are delighted to be supporting this exciting project to provide much needed local housing and extra care facilities in St Ives, as well as delivering new high-quality sports facilities for the local community" said Gareth Jones, Vice Chair of St Ives Town Deal Board. "This is an important milestone for the project, and we look forward to working with partners to take it to the next stage".

Louis Gardner, Cornwall Council portfolio holder for economy said: "It is great news that the Rugby Club is supporting the proposal which means that we can move into the planning phase.

This project aims to be a game changer for St Ives. The funding from the Town Deal will help to make best use of the current site for the benefit of the wider community. We look forward to continuing working with the Rugby Club and the Town Deal board and we are determined to help provide facilities and homes to benefit St Ives residents of all ages”.

More details about St Ives Town Deal [here](#) .

Note to editors

## **Towns Fund – Town Deals**

On 27 July 2019, the Prime Minister announced that the Towns Fund would support an initial 101 places across England to develop Town Deal proposals, to drive economic regeneration and deliver long-term economic and productivity growth. See further details of the [announcement](#).

A Town Deal is an agreement in principle between government, the Lead Council and the Town Deal Board. It will set out a vision and strategy for the town, and what each party agrees to do to achieve this vision. [See the 101 places being supported to develop Town Deals](#).

Each of the 101 towns selected to work towards a Town Deal also received accelerated funding last year for investment in capital projects that would have an immediate impact and help places “build back better” in the wake of Covid-19. [View a list of accelerated funding by place](#) (PDF, 266 KB, 11 pages)

## **St Ives Town Deal and Accelerated Town Fund**

In June 2021, St Ives secured a Town Deal of up to £19.9 million following the successful submission of its Town Investment Plan for a range of regeneration projects.

In addition, each of the towns selected by the government to work towards a Town Deal were invited to apply for accelerated funding to invest in capital projects that would have an immediate impact and help places ‘build back better’ in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. St Ives was allocated £500,000 through the Government’s Accelerator Fund to kick start the delivery of projects in 2020.

For more information about St Ives Town Deal visit [www.stivestowndeal.org.uk](http://www.stivestowndeal.org.uk)

Cornwall is the only area in England invited by the Government to submit proposals for four of its towns: Camborne, Penzance, St Ives and Truro. After conducting extensive public consultations, each Town Deal Board submitted their [Town Investment Plan](#) in collaboration with Cornwall Council. As a result, the Government announced in spring 2021, that Cornwall will receive up to £88.7 million from the Town Deal Fund. In September 2022, after review of the programmes’ business cases, the Government released an initial £18 million of Town Deal funding to Cornwall Council. This enabled the Council to submit the first series of contracts to ratified projects and the start of the Town Deals programme delivery in November 2022.

Cornwall Council is the Lead Authority for the Town Deals in Cornwall. Cornwall Council supports the governance role of the St Ives Town Deal Board and is responsible for leading and administering the funds on behalf of the four Town Deal Boards. For more information visit: [Town Deal Fund - Cornwall Council](#)

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