PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: 21 APRIL 2026

AGENDA ITEM 5: CORNWALL COUNCIL RE-INTRODUCTION OF WEED TREATMENT

1. Addition Information

Further to the report sent with the agenda papers, the office has received correspondence from Redruth Town Council regarding this matter. Please find below a copy of this email for Committee.:

'Dear Town/Parish Council Chair and Clerk

PETITION AGAINST THE CORNWALL COUNCIL PROPOSED USE OF GLYPHOSATE

At their recent Full Council meeting, Redruth Town Council resolved to start a petition to Cornwall Council, to urge them to undertake the following actions, in relation to the proposed re-introduction of the use of glyphosate weedkiller on their land within our respective parishes.

1. Accept their statutory responsibility to maintain all highways controlled areas highlighted in green on the parish maps as circulated, in line with their declaration of Climate Emergency, using non glyphosate methods of weed management. In so doing, fully acknowledge the noxious and harmful long-term effects of using glyphosate in any form on the eco system, human, animal and environmental health of Cornwall.

Or,

2. Delay the date for a decision by Town and Parish Councils to the end of May 2026. Due to the short notice period given, this has not enabled the sector sufficient quality time to explore and cost alternative methods, including collaborative working between Councils and potential sharing of equipment schemes to facilitate positive change.

3. And acknowledge the fact that the financial offer of £343.45 per km, is an insufficient and inappropriate amount for Town and Parish Councils who wish to take on the maintenance using non glyphosate methods. To reconsider and increase the amount per km to £1,000 per km.

4. And to call in and revisit the Cabinet decision to use glyphosate as part of the weed management process in Cornwall.

We hope that you will share the link to the petition below to all your Councillors and networks, as soon as we have a total of 5,000 signatures across Cornwall, this will be submitted to Cornwall Council for inclusion on their Council agenda for debate.

Link to petition: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe657kuWrJZiOt-0GlqgP1oZtJlfo2spM7HN5VgwJB0Bt9yWg/viewform

https://forms.gle/Tv3DZML3mmxsMc417
As time is of the essence, we would appreciate you sharing this as a matter of ***urgency****. We have also written to CALC – the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.*

Redruth Town Council believes we are stronger together as one voice from the Town and Parish Council sector.

Yours sincerely
Cllr Alison Biscoe, Chair and Town Mayor, Redruth Town Council and
Charlotte Williams – Town Clerk, Redruth Town Council

On behalf of Redruth Town Council.

2. Consideration

Committee is asked to consider the request from Redruth Town Council alongside it's discussion of a response to Cornwall Council on this matter and whether or not it wishes to respond to the petition.