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## **Response to Your Budget, Your Say 2014 Consultation**

Dear Mr Folkes

Camborne Business Improvement District, BID Camborne, represents over 300 businesses in Camborne and has been up and running for over 2 years. BID Camborne and Cornwall Council both signed an Operating Agreement with Cornwall Council, which outlines the level of service the businesses of Camborne should receive from the Council for this term of this BID, which is 5 years running from 2012 to 2017.

Under item 18 of that agreement are listed

### **18 Cornwall Council's obligations**

18.1 The Council agrees to the following:

18.1.1 to provide the Services within the BID Area at its own cost;

18.1.2 in the event that the Council is unable to continue to provide all or any part of the Services within the BID Area on account of its being statutorily barred from doing so or unable to do so for any other reason or it having insufficient funds to secure the provision of any of those Services set out in Schedule 2 herein it shall carry out the following for the BID Company:

- (α) identify which part or parts of the Services it is unable to provide;
- (β) provide a detailed explanation of why such Service is to be withdrawn; and
- (χ) state the date upon which the Council will cease to provide the Services;

18.1.3 to use reasonable endeavours to liaise with and (where the Council considers it to be practicable) put in place such partnering arrangements (of a formal or informal nature) with the Service Provider where the Services are complementary to or are of a similar nature to the Services; and

18.1.3.1 when undertaking reviews of the Services to where considered reasonable consult with the BID Company on the provision and delivery of those Services and on how they may be improved.

**BID Camborne is a not for profit company limited by guarantee, company number 7900674**

We understand the difficult situation in which Cornwall Council finds itself, having to make such massive budget reductions, but we do remind you that this operating agreement is in place, therefore you need to comply with it and communicate with BID Camborne on any proposed changes to this agreement. The BID Camborne Operating Agreement covers the following service areas:-

- BID Levy Collection
- Street Cleansing
- Highway Maintenance
- Public Rights of Way
- Street Lighting
- Grassland Maintenance
- Public Conveniences
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

An example of where this operating agreement has already been dis-regarded is Gurneys Lane Toilets, Camborne, which have been closed for 18 months. These are toilets in the centre of Camborne used by many local people and visitors. Cornwall Council consulted with Camborne Town Council but came to no agreement on re-opening these toilets that are essential to the well-being of our town. BID Camborne was not included in any of these communications and we now have a closed building falling into dis-repair instead of public toilets and no plan for going forward.

As well as topics covered by the operating agreement, other topics which are of major concern to the businesses of Camborne are changes to car parking, reduction in Community Safety, reduction in business support and stopping Discretionary Business Rate Relief. Anything that will affect the already challenging town centre trading conditions.

BID Camborne needs Cornwall Council to acknowledge its obligations with this signed operating agreement and to communicate with BID Camborne as well as Camborne Town Council on proposed changes which will affect the BID Camborne area so we can agree how to move forward.

Yours sincerely



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