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Council sets out its mission goals

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PENZANCE councillors have agreed on the wording of a mission statement outlining the hopes and aspirations of the council on behalf of the town.

Drawn up to help members focus on priorities in doing council business, it has at its core: "Striving to improve the quality of life for people living in Penzance parish and to enhance the attractiveness of the town as a place in which to live, work or visit".

Key objectives include developing partnerships for shared priorities, working in partnership with other bodies to pursue a joint approach, democratically representing the people of Penzance parish, encouraging economic development in a planned way, supporting the leisure, heritage, tourism, cultural, social and educational needs of the parish and promoting the community's views.

The motion to support the mission statement was passed by nine votes to seven, with Councillor Ruth Lewarne expressing the view that the statement was unnecessary.

"We've managed for 400 years without a mission statement and I think we can go another 400 years quite happily without one," she said.

"In a democratic forum like a town council you have to be able to accommodate all points of view and even the most anodyne statements can become points of friction."

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