



The Case for Cornwall

to create a sustainable Cornwall

A prosperous Cornwall that is resilient and resourceful.

A place where communities are strong and where the most vulnerable are protected.



Why we're making the case for Cornwall

The total public sector budget for Cornwall is £4.3 billion pa...

...but most spending decisions are made or controlled by central government.

Locally budgets are under strain and services are being reduced...

...but with more joined up national and local spending we could reduce duplication and make better use of the money available.

Cornwall has lots of exciting opportunities...

...but we don't always have the powers to maximise them.



...and the concerns you have raised

- Affordable decent housing
- Wage levels and the cost of living
- Public transport
- Job prospects
- Road repairs
- Care for the elderly



Cornwall Council Residents Survey 2014





The Government is open to proposals

“I am convinced that if we have more local discretion – more decisions made and money spent at the local level – we’ll get better outcomes.”

David Cameron


“And you, the people who live and work in the south-west, know far better than I do what’s right for your local area...”

George Osborne
22 May 2015

“This is a revolution in the way we govern England. It’s time for you to take control of your own affairs.”

George Osborne
14 May 2015





• **Housing** - creating the right conditions to build more affordable homes, in the right places, to meet the needs of local people

What we're asking for

- A share of stamp duty to reinvest in affordable housing
- Suitable government owned land and powers
- Ability to control second homes via planning or levy
- Retain right to buy receipts to invest in Cornwall social housing




• **Transport** - an integrated and improved public transport system that supports the employment, education and wellbeing of local people

What we're asking for

- Responsibility for franchising bus services
- Local control of longer term funding for local bus transport
- Power to provide a fully integrated and more effective rural transport network





Property - a joint approach to public land and buildings to make best use of assets and improve service delivery

What we're asking for

- To keep and reinvest money from selling public sector buildings locally
- To manage public sector properties jointly e.g. facilities management



Planning, infrastructure, energy and environment

- greater local influence over planning and regulations to support the local economy and environment

What we're asking for

- More local control of the planning system
- More local control over investment in flood defence
- Greater local control over heritage assets
- Influence over development of the electrical grid network
- Local discretion over energy saving initiatives
- Investment in geothermal energy




• **Employment and skills** - people of all ages in Cornwall trained in skills that match current and anticipated future employer demands

What we're asking for

- Local powers to direct employment and skills funding for:
 - Apprenticeship grants
 - Further education funding for young adults and adult skills budgets
 - Careers education, information, advice and guidance funding
- The opportunity to work with Government to design programmes to help people in Cornwall get employment
- Control of return to work programmes for hard to reach groups
- A single business support and advice service





Health and social care - providing more person-centred and integrated care through joined up health and social care systems and budgets

What we're asking for

- Support to implement new ways of working locally in health and social care
- More powers over public health services and budgets
- A single commissioning model and enhanced Health and Wellbeing Board



Funding - a financially sustainable Cornwall able to decide how to use public sector funds to meet local needs

What we're asking for

- Five year funding certainty
- Local discretion over council tax (capping)
- A share of fuel duty to invest in road repairs
- A share of VAT generated through tourism to reinvest locally
- A share of revenue where we take action locally that saves the government money





Case for Cornwall

Comments or suggestions please email:
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