

# Case for Cornwall



## “ One of the key aims of the Council Strategy is to achieve fairer funding for Cornwall and gain more local control over Government spending.

We don't want the way we spend our money and deliver services to people in Cornwall to be determined by central Government – we need to be able to make our own decisions.

### Background

Following the referendum in Scotland there have been growing calls for the Government to devolve powers to other areas of the country.

We have long campaigned for greater autonomy and want to take advantage of this moment to have greater control over our own affairs.

The Case for Cornwall sets out the new powers and freedoms we are seeking for Cornwall.

### Why Cornwall?

Cornwall has a clear border, with coterminous organisations, a strong identity, one council and one heritage.

We understand how Cornwall works and its challenges and opportunities and have gained greater powers, skills and confidence over many years.

We have a Strategy, Budget and Business Plan in place which provides a clear direction for the Council.

We already work closely with our partners and taking greater control over our own affairs will enable us to deliver a better service to our communities and create a more flexible and sustainable Cornwall.

### What new powers are we asking for?

- **Public transport:** including greater control over bus services and using fuel duty to help maintain our roads.
- **Housing:** taking control of Government land for social housing, finding ways to manage the number of second homes, and retaining Stamp Duty to build more affordable housing
- **Health and social care:** working with the Government to join up health and social care services
- **Energy:** greater control over the development of electrical grid and unlocking potential for geothermal energy

- **Public Sector efficiency:** working with public sector partners to obtain fairer funding for Cornwall, join up funding to make the best use of resources, boost the local economy and create jobs.

### How will this benefit local residents and businesses?

- Better public transport services and links
- Better road maintenance
- Better health from warmer homes
- More affordable houses for local people
- More jobs and job opportunities
- Better education, social and business connections through superfast broadband / rural internet
- Better health and social care
- Emergency services working more closely together
- Better flood resilience

