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A STRONGER, FAIRER BRITAIN

RT. HON. THERESA MAY MP
PRIME MINISTER

The EU referendum result was not just a vote to leave the European Union but an instruction to change the way our country works forever. We must use this opportunity to step back and ask ourselves what kind of country we want to be. The Conservative Government's answer is clear: we want our country to emerge from this period of change stronger, fairer, more united and more outward-looking as we leave the EU and embrace the world.

That's why the elections on 4 May are so important. Only the Conservatives have a plan to deliver that brighter future – for Cornwall and the rest of the United Kingdom.

Our plan will get the right deal for Britain abroad and a better deal for ordinary, working people at home. It will mean a stronger economy as we invest in the skills, sectors and areas that will deliver for Britain in the long-term. It will create a fairer society as we break down the barriers of privilege and spread wealth and opportunity around the country. It will create a more united nation as we put the values of fairness, responsibility and citizenship at the heart of everything we do. And it will forge a more global Britain as we get out and build relationships with old friends and new allies right across the world.

Only a Conservative council can work with the local community and with the Government to get behind that plan and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

By voting Conservative on 4 May, you can help us deliver the change people in Cornwall need – and make Britain a country that works for everyone, not just a privileged few.

Theresa May MP
Prime Minister and Leader of the Conservative Party



OUR KEY AIMS TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU...

ENSURING BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY

Conservatives will ensure that your hard money is treated with respect. That means no more mismanaged projects, overspends and vanity projects.

ENSURING RESIDENTS GET THE CARE THEY NEED

Our first priority for the savings will be to provide better care for those in need and also review how care is provided and introduce spot checks on providers.

DELIVER BETTER LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Our roads need more investment, and that's a Conservative priority. Too much money has been wasted on over-priced and unnecessary projects rather than improvements.

Only the Conservatives can be trusted to provide sound financial management of the Council's finances

Over 20,000 new jobs in Cornwall since 2010



Cornwall's six Conservative MPs will work with a strong group of like-minded Councillors at County Hall to get the best deals for Cornwall

Number out of work more than halves

New figures show that more than 20,000 people in Cornwall are in work since 2010. That's good news for families. 20,000 more people in Cornwall with the security of a regular pay cheque, means that there are thousands more people earning a living and providing for themselves and their family.

Over the last seven years the number of people out of work has more than halved

– going from 11,000 in 2010 to 5,200 today.

Our six local MPs all know there is so much more to do to give every young person the opportunity of a good job and every person out of work the chance of the security of work. But they need a team of like-minded councillors locally who can work with them, in partnership with the Conservative Government, to deliver the jobs that we need.



Truro & Falmouth MP, Sarah Newton

'Astonishing risk' with public money

Truro & Falmouth MP, Sarah Newton, has written to the Cornwall Council leader about the council's £536,000 European City of Culture bid for Truro.

In her letter Mrs Newton says "I do not feel that the Council has been transparent with the public about the warning from the Secretary of State for Culture about the possible adverse

impact of Brexit on the availability of the title." She added "there is also the risk of failure because Cornwall is not following the rules of the competition by involving the Cornish people in a meaningful way and obtaining their backing.

Particularly at a time when I receive many pleas from the Council about lack of funds, this seems an astonishing risk to take with public money and the reputation of the Council."

An NHS fit for Cornwall



Steve Double MP with local campaigners at Fowey Hospital

PHOTO: Paul Williams

Our National Health Service is one of the most precious institutions in our community. St. Austell & Newquay's Steve Double MP has recently submitted a letter to the NHS strongly supporting community hospitals.

In the letter he wrote "Whilst I appreciate that everything needs to be under scrutiny with regards to NHS services in order to ensure the best use of resources, I do believe that the continued provision for community hospitals needs to be seriously considered. Thought needs to be given

to relieving pressure off the one major hospital in Cornwall. I believe it is time for a radical rethink of the centralised approach to health care. I am of the view that community hospitals have a key part to play, particularly in the light of the geography of Cornwall, and their role should be enhanced rather than being under threat of closure."

Steve Double later commented "I am pleased that this Government has increased funding for the NHS in real terms and is set to continue to increase the funding going forward. In Cornwall this is also the case."



George Eustice MP: "Cornwall needs a strong team."

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Cornwall needs an effective Council, working closely with local MPs, and the Government to deliver for our County. George Eustice MP writes.

"So many local people tell me they are unhappy with the performance of Cornwall Council. The Liberal Democrat/Independent Council simply hasn't done a good enough job for you. The power to change things for the better is in our hands. On the 4th May we are not

just electing a local Councillor, important though that is, we are also choosing who will be running a Council that spends hundreds of millions of pounds of public money."

George continued; "By voting Conservative you will get a dedicated community campaigner as your Councillor. Plus importantly you will be helping elect a Conservative Council that can work effectively with us to deliver the investment and better future our County deserves."



Sheryll Murray MP says Cornwall can make a success of Brexit

Conservatives pledge to make a success of Brexit for Cornwall

The local Conservative team have given their backing to the Prime Minister's plan to make a success of Brexit.

South East Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray said: "Just over six months ago a clear majority of people in Cornwall voted to leave the EU. That vote must be respected and now we must make a success of Brexit."

"That is why it is so disappointing that we have a Liberal Democrat/Independent run Council which maintains an office in Brussels and is even entering EU competitions for after we have left. The Liberal Democrats are even calling for a second referendum."

"Cornwall can really make a success of Brexit. But only if we have councillors at County Hall that are prepared to back it and work with the Cornish MPs and Government to deliver it."

The Prime Minister recently set out 12 negotiating objectives for Brexit and a vision for a positive, global Britain. All Cornish MPs back the bill that will begin the process of leaving the EU, it is disappointing that many Lib Dem, Labour and Nationalist MPs voted against it.



The Triple Lock will protect pensions

State Pensioners protected by triple lock

For those who have reached Pension Age, have worked hard and done the right thing, we have brought in the triple lock which ensures the basic State Pension goes up every year by whichever is highest out of inflation, wages or 2.5 per cent.

It means that the basic State Pension is now over £1,100 higher a year than it was in 2010, and never again means that pensioners will see a paltry 75 pence increase. Under this Government, we've reformed the current complicated system to provide a new, simpler State Pension and protected a range of pensioner benefits, like Winter Fuel Payments and free bus passes.

YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM SUPPORT CUT TO NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

Currently there are 123 councillors in Cornwall. That's more than there are in Birmingham, costing the taxpayers thousands of pounds and slowing down the decision making process in our area.

That needs to change and Conservatives are fighting for change. The Conservative team have proposed a reduction to 85 councillors to the Boundary Commission, saving residents money and making the council much more efficient.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

- You will be electing one of **123 Cornwall Councillors**
- They will manage an annual budget of **£1.2 BILLION**
- If a Party has **more than 62 councillors** they will run the council and appoint the Cabinet
- They will control **Social Services, Education, Highways, Environmental Services, Planning** and more
- **Use your Vote** to elect the local councillor you want!

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Conservatives announce plan for a better Cornwall

Cornish Conservatives have announced their plan for a better Cornwall. As part of this new plan, a Conservative Council will ensure that every resident gets value for money. They will do that by improving financial management, reducing waste and making funds available for essential services.

Responding to the announcement, the leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor John Keeling, said:

“After four years of indecision and incompetence from the Liberal Democrats and Independents, our area risks falling behind. I know that things can be better and with the



Truro home of Cornwall Council and Inset: Conservative Group Leader on the Council, John Keeling MBE

right leadership it will. That’s why as well as getting value for money for every taxpayer, we have promised to ensure that every resident gets the care they deserve by restructuring how adult

social care is provided and reducing the delays that residents experience.”

The Conservatives have also committed to delivering better local infrastructure by reviewing the tendering processes

given to companies and involving City, Town and Parish Councils to fix local problems.

“Cornwall can’t afford another four years of failure. We’ll bring that focus back on day one.”



Derek Thomas MP having a health-check with Carbis Bay pharmacist Claire Field

FINDING THE RIGHT SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Improving and integrating health and social care services is high on the list of priorities of West Cornwall MP Derek Thomas.

Over the past few months, he has chaired an inquiry comprising a panel of independent constituents, producing a report which has been sent to NHS managers and Cornwall Council as they consider how to integrate services

“Thanks to the efforts of the volunteer panel who talked to many health professionals and campaigners, we have been able to produce a document identifying what health and care services could and should look like,” said Derek.

“The new council must make Social Care a priority and speed up the process of integrating Health and social Care provision. The time for talking is over – now we need action from Cornwall Council.”

Scott Mann MP welcomes £20M to build 500 affordable homes in Cornwall

Scott Mann has welcomed the announcement by Coastline Housing that it has been awarded £20 million to build 500 affordable homes across Cornwall. There will be homes for affordable rent and 200 shared ownership homes on a part-buy part-rent arrangement. The money has been awarded by the Home and Communities Agency which is overseen by the Government’s Department for Communities

and Local Government (DCLG).

Scott Mann said: “I’m pleased to see that the Government’s commitment to build more affordable homes is being experienced in Cornwall. Access to affordable housing, either to buy or rent, was one of the biggest issues on the doorstep during the General Election and this will help yet more people in the county to get on the housing ladder.”

The scheme also includes a 50-bed extra care scheme

to enable older people or those living with a disability to live in a home for longer. This ensures that residents are able to live in self-contained homes however with the assurance of 24/7 on site support if it becomes necessary.

In total, including its own investments, Coastline has committed to building 1,000 affordable homes in Cornwall over the next four years. Coastline says that this will lead to the creation of 900 jobs and add more than £40 million to the Cornish economy.

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Scott Mann has welcomed the Government’s commitment to build more affordable houses