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The Cornwall Business Community’s View

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With consideration to your business in Cornwall, which best describes your current position in the devolution debate?

- 38%: I would prefer responsibility for decisions affecting the business environment to devolve to the counties (i.e. Cornwall & Isles of Scilly)
- 18%: I would prefer responsibility for decisions affecting the business environment to devolve to a regional level (e.g. the South West)
- 13%: I prefer everything to stay just as it is
- 11%: I would prefer responsibility for decisions affecting the business environment to return to Westminster/central control
- 10%: Something else
- 10%: I would prefer responsibility for decisions affecting the business environment to devolve to each of the nations (i.e. Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland)
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The European Context

The effect of withdrawal from Europe:
82% Negative
3% Positive
3% No impact
12% Don’t know
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Increases to Taxation

49% would be open to higher taxation

If, this was retained locally, with determination of spend made locally
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Overall Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Calls for:

Developing clarity about the exact form of devolution

Establishing a Cornwall & Scilly leaders group

Organising locally to pick up and progress the agreed model for devolution – this model must have the confidence of local and national government.
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Thank you

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