



# Presentation to Bulgarian Delegation

# Devon and Cornwall Business Council

## What the Council is

- Private sector led, sub regional economic partnership
- 70+ constituent national, regional and local organisations.
- Representing some 20,000 businesses
- Funded by key private sector companies in the region

# What the Council does

- Regional economic development
- Transport infrastructure
- Industry troubleshooting
- Venture capital (finance Cornwall/Devon)
- ICT Infrastructure (ACT now/Broadband 4Devon)
- Supporting sustainable investment
- Central contact and communication point for businesses

# Five Strategic Issues

- Arterial Transport
- Entrepreneurship and Aspirational culture
- Regional Spatial Planning
- Promoting Sustainable Investment
- Skills Productivity and Education

### 1. Arterial transport

The Council will provide informed consultation and lobbying, it will aim to be a primary consultee and provide an information dissemination system to colleagues.

### 2. Entrepreneurship and aspirational culture.

The council will work with organisations involved in this area and itself promote and hold opportune events.

### 3. Regional spatial planning.

The Council is to be one of the essential voices of business in the regional spatial planning debate, to include such interest areas such as housing and development land.

### 4. Promoting sustainable investment.

The Council will where appropriate, work with, in partnership appropriate organisations in promoting sustainable development. In addition the already successful trouble shooting role, carried out by the council will continue and be enhanced where practicable.

### 5. Skills, productivity and education.

The Council will work and lobby for appropriate skills development, further education relating to work, productivity and business growth in the region.



QUESTIONS?

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