

## **Cornwall / Brussels Office**

A motion was raised by UKIP Councillors calling on Cornwall Council to withdraw finance from the Cornwall / Brussels office. Needless to say, Lib Dems, Labour, and most Tories knocked it down straight away. But the points have been made.

Cornwall Council has cut adult services, bus routes, toilets etc. but still spends your cash on a part-time office in Brussels costing £30,000 (possibly more) per annum. This office deals with everything that the EU decides will happen to Cornwall.

The flimsy excuse, "Oh well, look at the money we get from Europe" is fatally flawed and falls at the first hurdle. Europe has no money of its own, only our taxes, which we foolishly shovel into the bottomless EU pit to the tune of £55 million (or thereabouts) per day.

For every £28 thrown in, only £10 is "given back" with strict conditions. Not the wisest investment which any City Broker or Hedge Fund Manager would laugh out of existence, if asked for an opinion.

Although Brussels condescendingly gives some of our cash back in this way, Cornwall is still 25% poorer than other counties. We get less funding per capita than the rest of the country for essential services. Whatever happened to "we're all in it together"?

How much better for The Govt to give Cornwall this money direct for infrastructure, ie Nurses, Police, lower council tax, business rates etc, instead of financing gravy – trainers.

Would you put £28 into your bank, knowing you can only withdraw £10 on the condition that you match-fund it? I don't think so!

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