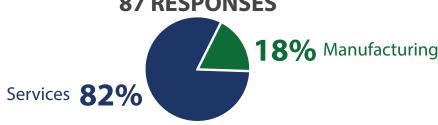


# **Thames Valley Quarterly Economic Survey**

Quarter 4 - 2016 Results







**50%** Thought UK sales had increased

# **EXPORT SALES**



42% Reported an increase
49% Remained the same
9% Reported a decrease

## **FIRMS RUNNING AT**



33% full capacity

47% below capacity

#### **OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS**



% said investment in plant and machinery had increased

23% said investment in training had increased

#### TOP 3 FACTORS AFFECTING BUSINESS



corporate taxation

inflation

exchange rates

## **OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS**



**36%** saw their staff increase

## **TOP 3 SKILLS SHORTAGES**



**52%** professional/ managerial workers

30% skilled manual/technical

**11%** unskilled and semi-skilled

#### RECRUITMENT



#### IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS



## **OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS**



**57%** expected turnover to improve

**49%** expected profitability to improve