

(01) This Council strongly opposes the County Council unitary bid, in favour of the current system of two-tier control, but with increased partnership working to cut down on duplication and increase efficiency and supports actions agreed by the Leader and Chief Executive, along with other North Yorkshire District Councils.

These include:-

Commissioning a Mori poll across the county to address the serious omission of failing to consult under the Government's plans, between now and 22 June, the public, the very people that this reorganisation affects to gauge current support for past opinion which has clearly expressed that the public does not want large remote bodies governing local issues: and

Engaging Professor Chisholm to challenge the affordability of the bid and financial case presented by the county council.

Proposed: Councillor Dr Mike Gardner    Seconded: Councillor Richard Cooper

During the debate upon the Motion, the Leader of the Council confirmed that extensive stakeholder consultation would also be undertaken by the Council in addition to the MORI Poll called for by the Notice of Motion.

Upon a vote being taken on the Notice of Motion, the Mayor declared the Motion unanimously approved.