

## COUNCIL MEETING

19 July 2007

Agenda item 16 – Notices of Motion received:

(01) This Council recognises the growing and important role played by community transport in the Harrogate district.

But it notes that on 1 April next year the government will introduce free bus travel across the country. This facility will not be available to the elderly and infirm who use community transport so successfully in growing numbers.

This Council calls upon the government to secure a level playing field with the free facility also being offered at no cost to the council to users of community transport.

Proposed: Councillor Jim Clark

Seconded: Councillor Fred Willis

The Mayor has indicated that this notice will, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport.

(02) That this Council voices its strong opposition to a single county-wide unitary authority for North Yorkshire. This Council believes that this proposal would be too geographically vast to deliver responsive services, would concentrate power in too few hands and would make local government more remote from those it is supposed to serve.

This Council believes that the way forward is the retention and enhancement of the current two tier system by greater co-operation between all the Authorities in North Yorkshire, by developing new ways of working and as a result delivering cost effective local services to all residents of North Yorkshire.

That this Notice of Motion be sent to the Unitary Structures Consultation Team, in London, as a submission, on the unitary bid, on behalf of the people of this District.

Proposed: Councillor M A C de Courcey-Bayley      Seconded: Councillor P Broadbank

In accordance with standing order 10 (6) (F) this notice will be debated by Council.

(03) This Council views with concern the introduction of charges by North Yorkshire Police in connection with the policing of charitable non-profit making events within our local communities.

These charges appear to have been introduced without consultation under the powers contained in Section 25 of the Police Act 1996.

This Council believes that the police withdrawal from active assistance to local communities in respect of organisational advice, provision of road signs, barriers etc will have a detrimental effect on both community relations and social cohesion.

This Council believes that this action will also place an additional burden on both Harrogate Borough Council and the North Yorkshire County Council and therefore calls upon the North Yorkshire Police to provide 100% abatement of such charges for charitable and non-commercial events.

Proposed: Councillor Bill Houlton

Seconded: Councillor Christine Willoughby

The Mayor has indicated that this notice will, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred to the Cabinet Member for Cultural Services.

(04) This notice of motion calls upon the Council to investigate ways of encouraging developers who provide affordable housing, to supply a wider range of house types. At present the majority of affordable dwellings built are one and two bedroomed properties. It is apparent that there are only a small number of affordable three bedroomed houses being constructed throughout the district. A more even balance across the range of accommodation available would benefit most communities.

Proposed: Councillor Trevor Chapman

Seconded: Councillor Chris Lewis

The Mayor has indicated that this notice will, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred to the Cabinet Member for Housing.