

(02) That this Council voices its strong opposition to a single countywide 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 was debated by Council.

In proposing the motion, Councillor de Courcey-Bayley signified her acceptance of the following amendment, proposed by Councillor Mike Gardner and seconded by Councillor Cooper.

In the first line of the Motion, remove the words “voices” and replace with the following “continues to voice”.

At the end of the first sentence add “and reinforces the existing stance”.

In the second sentence remove the second reference to the word “this” and insert the words “the county’s”.

Upon a vote being taken on the Notice as amended, the Mayor declared the motion unanimously carried.