

Agenda Item 10: Notice of Motions

Motion Three - Alteration to Motion

That the motion printed in the Council Book be altered as follows, with deleted text crossed through and additional text shown in red.

This Council:-

a) agrees that the current 'two-tier' structure of the County Council and seven district councils is an inefficient and ineffective way to deliver services in Nottinghamshire, especially at a time when local government finances are under severe pressure;

b) agrees that forming a unitary council for Nottinghamshire would pool all existing resources and release approximately £20-£30 million pounds of public money annually, currently tied up in bureaucracy;

c) agrees that a unitary authority would achieve economies of scale and deliver a more responsive service to residents by:-

i) creating a single headquarters and management team for the new council to replace the eight headquarters, chief executives and senior management teams currently serving the County Council and the seven district councils;

ii) bringing all council services in Nottinghamshire together under one roof, removing duplication and requiring fewer buildings, which would also deliver capital receipts for reinvestment by disposing of surplus property;

iii) retaining two councillors per electoral division to serve the principles of localism, but removing the confusion caused by 'two-tier' local government where residents are frequently unclear whether they should raise issues with district councillors or county councillors;

iv) establishing single systems for council tax collection, waste management, housing and planning;

v) providing a proactive solution to the current budget challenges facing the County and district councils and thereby protecting critical services, such as adult social care, potentially avoiding steep and prolonged increases in council tax and other charges;


~~d) Agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government formally stating Nottinghamshire County Council's support for a unitary council for Nottinghamshire~~

~~e) Instructs officers to continue their work preparing a formal case.~~

d) instructs officers to continue their work preparing a formal case for a unitary authority and bring forward a report to a future meeting of Full Council setting out the Business Case;

e) on approval of this Business Case agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government formally stating Nottinghamshire County Council's support for a unitary council for Nottinghamshire.

Proposed: Councillor Kay Cutts MBE



Seconded: Councillor Reg Adair