

CDC Full Council 21st March 2023

Proposed Amendment to item 10, Cllr Susan Taylor's Motion

MOTION

This Council welcomes the Budget Announcement of more devolution of powers to two Metro-Mayor Councils and, in recognition of the fact that District Councils and Borough Councils are considered best placed to meet the needs of their own residents, resolves to write to its two MPs, to urge the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to take the next logical step and provide that:

1. District and Borough Councils should be empowered:

i) To set fees and charges ~~to~~ which meet the needs of their residents , and which cover the actual costs of delivering the services, for example, but not exclusively, planning fees, and

ii) To increase charges on second and holiday homes.

iii) To devolve more power and responsibilities to Parish Councils

2. The continual drip-feed of designated funds for which local councils have to apply and compete should be aggregated into the annual settlement and distributed on a per capita basis, to eliminate the costly bureaucracy required of local government when applying for government funding ~~should be significantly reduced~~ , to enable officers to concentrate on meeting the needs of their communities, and locally-elected Councillors to allocate direct to local need.

3. Realistic funding to cover the costs should be provided to local government, when required to enact central government legislation.