

EDDC Council Passed the following motion at an emergency meeting on Thursday 9th
January 2025

Endorses the;

1. a. Joint Leaders statement from the Devon Districts Forum
- b. Potential to promote the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the peninsular to cover Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and Cornwall
- c. Need to engage with our communities, partners and stakeholders to develop considered and coherent proposals around changes to the current model of 10 councils in Devon to a smaller number of suitably sized unitaries rather than defaulting to a single unitary approach.

2. Belief that a preferred pathway should be explored which would create two Devon Unitary Authorities, one of which should be focused around the North Devon, Mid Devon, East Devon and Teignbridge District Councils, along with Exeter City Council.

3. Belief that the people of Devon would be best served after the abolition of the county council by the two new unitaries, containing a city in each this being Plymouth to the west, and Exeter to the east.

4. Grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Council and Corporate Co-ordination to advance discussions around the form and coverage of future Principal Authorities.

5. Receives a further report in February providing an update on the discussions before interim proposals are submitted to central government.

6. To lobby the government on the importance of a Devon-wide consultation to ensure that any revised local government structures meet the principles of devolved powers to local communities, towns and parish councils, rather than being imposed by Whitehall.