

Proposer Cllr Charlie Briggs  
Unitary Authority

Council notes changes to the criteria for the creation of Unitary Authorities used by the Department of Communities and Local Government, which means proposals for new ones no longer need the support of all the Councils affected.

Council also notes the strong indications that a unilateral proposal for an authority is likely to be submitted covering the Pennine area of Lancashire and that the Member of Parliament for Burnley supports such a body.

This Council believes abolishing existing local councils and imposing a Unitary Authority centred on Blackburn will lead to the loss of any true local control on local matters by local residents and their representatives.

Therefore, Council resolves to oppose proposals for such a Pennine Lancashire Unitary Authority.