

Conservative's manifesto on devolution and how it relates to Yorkshire

What they say:

“We will respect the devolution settlements: no decision-making that has been devolved will be taken back to Westminster.

We will continue to give local government greater control over the money they raise.

With devolution now established in London and other parts of England, we will consolidate our approach, providing clarity across England on what devolution means for different administrations so all authorities operate in a common framework.

We will support those authorities that wish to combine to serve their communities better. For combined authorities that are based around our great cities, we will continue to support the adoption of elected mayors, but we will not support them for the rural counties.”

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From the top, this means:

1. Under the Conservatives, the devolved areas which include parts of Yorkshire, Tees Valley (south of the Tees) and Greater Manchester (Saddleworth), will keep the meagre powers they have been granted whereas the rest of Yorkshire has no devolution to lose.
2. A Conservative government will give some increased control of revenues to the local authorities that raise them but how much and what control is not specified, nor is there any reference to central government funding.
3. A Conservative government will determine what devolution means to administrations in Yorkshire rather than listen to what the Yorkshire people want.
4. The Conservatives support devolution to City Regions with an elected Mayor. They support authorities combining but would not impose elected mayors on rural combined authorities. This means that under the Conservatives, the geography of Yorkshire devolution would be based only on the geography of local authorities, not Yorkshire's traditional boundaries. It also means that any combination of authorities that include one or more of Yorkshire's big cities may well require an elected Mayor in order to be granted devolution.