

Green Party's manifesto on devolution and how it relates to Yorkshire

What they say:

“Give power to local communities by allowing for 40% of the local electorate to secure a referendum on local government decisions or to recall their MP.”

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From the top, this means:

1. The Green Party used to advocate devolution via regional assemblies but as this does not feature in this manifesto at all whereas a very different policy relating to devolution does, it seems they no longer support regional assemblies.
2. Prima facie, the new policy appears to give local people power to have a say on local decisions. However, this seems to be limited to holding a referendum on decisions councillors have already made and then only if such referendum is secured by at least 40% of the electorate. Considering that the average turnout for the recent local elections in England was less than 40%, it would seem, in reality, local people would rarely have their say after all.