

# North Yorkshire

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The current electoral divisions for North Yorkshire are not satisfactory. The existing number of councillors is insufficient and to reduce them further only increases the democratic deficit (as well as being a costly and time-consuming exercise for a reduction in a single councillor).

The average number of registered electors per councillor (from figures provided by North Yorkshire Council) is 5,374. This is a higher average than comparable large rural unitary authorities such as Cornwall (4,994 electors per councillor) or Cumberland (4,595 electors per councillor).

A number of the new wards proposed by North Yorkshire Council in the former Richmondshire area would have more than 6,000 electors - or 1,500 more electors per ward than in Cumberland. This lack of representation would result in a significant democratic deficit and North Yorkshire Council should have more councillors rather than less.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*