

TO WHAT EXTENT SHOULD MID SUSSEX BECOME A UNITARY AUTHORITY?

A good household begins with order. This solution applies to states. At the present time, Mid Sussex is a District within the County of West Sussex: this the principal authority of the region as authorised by the Local Government Act 1972. Beneath its power, the District has authority over some 27 towns and villages. Its purpose: to govern the power of the realm as a municipal authority on behalf of the Crown. And yet, this archaic system is riddled with flaws! In presenting this argument, I aim to make clear the need to form Mid Sussex, and ultimately West Sussex, into a unitary authority. In so doing, Sussex will find great virtue and advantages for the change. In failing so to do, Sussex will continue to suffer under the broken, outmoded, corrupt system we have inherited. And so, let us begin with the virtue of changing to a unitary authority.

The first advantage of becoming a unitary authority is the virtue this will bring to Sussex. By virtue, we mean the moral actions and dispositions an organisation or individual possess in order to increase its value. In public life, no greater virtue exists than truth. Hard truth. And this is best personified by justice. By being a unitary authority, Mid Sussex will become a more just authority. The present system is a confusion of power; with no authority taking charge, and each taking a nd passing on the grimy blame of facile mistakes to the failure of anyone but themselves, or accidents of circumstance or nature... By transferring into a unitary authority, Mid Sussex will — as with Brighton and Hove — have greater control, greater accountability, greater transparency in its affairs by its actions; annulling the sly polity by fetters through the operation of those difficult deceivers in government at present to a system whereby the strong and worthy carry out the difficult work of government. After all, a healthy body requires healthy parts. The one cannot exist without the other. Confusing and splitting these bodies into separate authorities leaves open an invitation for ill health in the state. The opposition argue that the division into stratified councils is needed for a balance of power. But to this, I argue to whose's benefit? To whose's authority? Not to the citizens'! If the people are upset with their government, they vote for a whole new one. They do not vote for part of a new one. And yet, this present system is much harder to keep government accountable; with the election for each authority scheduled at different times over the years: scarcely contested, scarcely even interested by the people as drawn out by the low turnout within these elections. This, the justification where their abuse begins and our liberty ends. Therefore, for the sake of protecting and growing justice — the balance of rights and wrongs — Mid Sussex must become a unity authority to centralise power, appoint accountable local governors and for success and prosperity to be guaranteed by the state.

In addition to virtue, expediency is a critical factor in why Mid Sussex must become a unitary authority. By expediency, we means what is of advantage to the state and the citizen. In conjunction with justice, one of the key aims of expediency is efficiency. The current system is simply shambolic! A system which is not only factious but invites inefficiency. An inefficiency borne by a yearly gamble of authority which heaps factional interests to the control of their vile ideologies at the expense of the long term universal needs of Sussex's citizens. Thus, with a unitary authority, Sussex will end this injustice, streamline its authority and restore an efficient government. One with permanency, pliability, accountability. When one hosts a party, one would not risk hosting before one's wife, children, closest friends, the dastardly company of corrupted snakes and power hungry foxes. Would one do the same with one's council? One's government? No! You would invite the

most wise, most temperate, the morally and physically courageous who put their principles above the roof of ideological divisions quite openly; acting beyond self for common good. Not only does this reduce wasted time and speed up decision making, it safeguards against trampling our common heritage by allowing the best to govern; serving as few to grow and protect our customs and education in pursuit of its preservation. This is how a great state is best governed: as much to the national as it is to the local guardian of public power. The opposition would argue that the system we currently have is perfect, and should be kept because of the strength of its survival. That is, because it works, we should keep it. But this is precisely the point! It does not work. A man dying may still be alive, but at some point soon, he will die nonetheless... Our tiered system has led to 40 years of corruption, systematically tearing apart our culture, our freedom and our security across the tranquility of our countryside. A system that is the enemy to all justice and debilitating to the good health of our public education. And so, to cure these ills, a unitary authority is our best constitutional answer to defend the common good and success of Mid Sussex. A District ruled competently, governed correctly and pleasantly accountable to all her residents.

A unitary authority is the best system for the government of Mid Sussex's District because it is the most virtuous and the most expedient. The opposition will continue to argue that the present system is the best; that an alteration will require too much work and that it will require too much effort from those who neither care nor have the skill to make those changes. Traitors and fools! Keeping the present system will fail our people, and the people want change! Change away from the trembling knees of weakness and failed pride to one of filial responsibility, respect for the law and unnerving drive for efficiency; upright and dauntless in its reform of all abuses as they appear. With a unitary authority, this will be achieved. With it, we shall banish corruption, cleanse decadence and preserve justice. So let us change to a unitary authority, improve our efficiency and restore justice to Sussex.