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Reducing the Number of Councillors

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My main problem with the discussion paper is that there is little data or argument.

Will smaller numbers mean more efficiency? Not necessarily.

What is the number for adequate representation? How has / would this figure be arrived at? Councillors in my experience are far more responsive to residents than state or federal politicians to voters. Is this because of the higher numbers? If so what is it worth paying for this to continue?

Under the remarks about the formula for allowances, " Total voters as a metric does not reflect that councillors represent the interests and make decisions impacting all residents of their municipality."

Why are development applications used as the metric of complexity. This is not explained let alone justified.

The document is advocating for the changes. Fair enough, I'd like to here from others especially those effected.

Overall, it is a flimsy case. A shame because it may be that some change(s) would be desirable.

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