

Broxtowe District

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I would support a reduction in the number of councillors if the effectiveness and competence of the remaining councillors could be raised. Member training and performance appraisal [with published league tables] could be rewarded by more generous allowances that might attract higher quality candidates to enter political service. Party leaders would need to demonstrate that they were deploying their councillors effectively across the committees and other representational roles, and ensure the development of skills and attitudes conducive to good local government. Without such a determination to raise standards across the board, we do need to keep up the numbers so as to cover for failures due to incompetence, absenteeism, ill-health and political posturing.