"The Council is controlled by a small number of councillors in the Cabinet. All the councillors not in the Cabinet only play a minor supporting role. Without a change in this structure it is difficult to view the non Cabinet councillors as effective, purposeful contributors to the running of the Council.

Therefore a minor change from 55 to 50 councillors would not be sufficiently radical solution in this situation. There needs to be a better definition of the roles of the non Cabinet members to ensure that these councillors are effective for the communities that they represent. I believe it would only be possible to do this if there were approximately 40 councillors in total. Although they would be representing a greater number of voters I believe they would have a stronger mandate and therefore have a right to improved powers in the other committees and decision making bodies. I also believe that the number of councillors has not changed with the times. The number of South Ribble Borough Council employees has reduced significantly. The number of councillors has not changed at all during the huge changes in local government. Therefore I put forward my proposal of a total of 40 councillors for South Ribble Borough Council."