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I am commenting on the proposed membership of thirty six councillors for Stratford upon Avon District Council. Although living in the county of Ceredigion now, in the early 1980's I lived in the district in both Stratford and the village of Ettington. At the moment Stratford council has fifty three members and is elected by thirds (however as you will have noted 53 does not go into three exactly and as a result there is always a ward that has to miss out an election year). I therefore believe that the number of councillors should be completely divisible by either three or by two (as demonstrated by the decision made for Nuneaton and Bedworth council which now has elections every two years). Secondly, the map of the wards for Stratford council shows that thanks to the council area being very rural there are several large wards with small electorates and several small wards with large electorates, therefore I believe that the number of councillors should reflect this disparity. I would therefore like to suggest a halfway house number of forty five councillors representing fifteen wards perhaps, each ward electing a member every year when there is not a county election year.

I believe that forty five councillors would allow for enough members of a council to ensure that everyone on the council would have a fair chance to sit on a committee or become chairman and at the same time would allow the electorate to be able to decide the controlling party of the council.

Harry Hayfield