

## Harrogate District

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Dissappointed the Boundary commission is recommending reduction to 40 cllrs in Harrogate, the current Conservative Majority are in favour of this, however it is mostly based on cost, own agenda and lack of foresight, They see it as a cost saving, well Democracy has a cost but also a greater value. It is said an average cllr works 25 hrs a week including other community related activities say 48 weeks... then at a cost of just over £3 per hr they can be excellent value for money and cheaper than Officer time.. never mind the hourly living wage of a basic manual worker or administration assistant. With such a cut in numbers and perhaps greater workload on others, diversity in local cllrs to reflect local society will be more impossible, where are the young dads and working mums, . If no's are reduced in Harrogate, Paid civil servants will need to take on some tasks and the initiating of local cost effective volunteer groups will be less than normal. Supposedly the Boundary commission are meant to be impartial and supposedly take the electorate numbers into consideration, they are not doing this in terms of electors per cllr, and bear in mind those who don't vote often use Cllrs too! More and more local people and cllrs are losing powers as Officers make all the decisions. These are paid civil servants....At what price do we value DEMOCRACY... community groups wi

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