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The proposed number of councillors is acceptable. The revised boundaries should ensure that there is only 1 councillor per ward as opposed to 2 which is the current situation in my ward. However, the only concern I have is that these changes might further limit the diversity of the people holding these positions. These changes should therefore be implemented alongside 2 additional changes to ensure this doesn't happen. The first change should restrict councillors from taking different roles i.e. they should be restricted from being representatives on both the district and county councils. If this doesn't happen, the increased workload resulting from the reduction in numbers will prevent those holding 2 roles from being effective in both their positions unless those people are retired or unemployed. Secondly, the district council should change the timings of meetings to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to stand for such positions. This basically means moving the meetings from daytime hours to evening hours. This would also enable those in employment to attend the meetings and hopefully provide a more meaningful contribution to local society and support the reduced number of councillors.