As a Surrey County Councillor representing a Woking Division, I support the proposal to reduce the number of Woking Borough Councillors from 36 to 30 from 2016. I believe that, since Woking Borough Council operates with an Executive Committee and a ‘Strong Leader’ model, this reduction would not adversely affect the council’s ability to take decisions effectively. With Councillors using increased technology when communicating with residents, there would similarly be no affect on their ability to respond to residents and play a full role in the community. Since major services such as Leisure and Social Housing are already outsourced by Woking Borough Council, we believe that councillors will continue to remain capable of undertaking the current work of the council’s various committees and other decision making bodies. We trust that the Boundary Commission will support the reduction of Woking Borough Councillors from 36 to 30 which will represent a considerable saving in the cost of the democratic management of the council and mirrors the continuous reduction in council staff over the past few years. Linda Kemeny CC, Chairman, Woking Constituency Conservative Association.