

Wyre Forest District

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I can see no reason why a reduction in the number of councillors would affect the individual councillors' ability to make decisions either adversely or positively. It is hard to understand what motivates this plan other than cost-cutting. Equally, why would the individual councillors' ability to play a role in the community be adversely or positively affected? The proposed change is not motivated by questions of representational effectiveness but by cost-cutting. I can't comment on the councillors' committee work but, again, seeing as the proposed change is motivated by cost-cutting why is the question being asked? I understand that the savings made if this proposal were actioned are the same as would be made if the current council cabinet accepted the recommendations of an independent review of their remuneration. As long as they refuse to accept the independent review recommendations why should the people who vote for them accept any democratic deficit that could come about if there are fewer of them? Why change for the sake of it when the cost-saving remedy is there on the table? Finally, why make this cosmetic change when the real question that should be asked is, why are we in Worcestershire supporting and paying for two-level local government when self-evidently a true cost-saving comes about by getting rid of the District Council altogether and going over to a unitary authority. The only reason that neither of the obvious cost-saving remedies have been put before you is because turkeys don't vote for Christmas. Until our local representatives address the real cost-saving issues the questions you are asking are mere sideshows.