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Submission Information

Custom Form: Online submissions form (#183)
Form URL: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-consultations/online-submissions-form>
Submission ID: 1495
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Form Answers

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Your feedback:

I am responding as a city councillor currently representing the Heysham South Ward. I note that you are recommending that the Council remain of 60 councillors each representing under 2,000 electors. I consider this a manageable number allowing the local councillor to get to know the ward and the residents in it. However some of the Lancaster wards, including Heysham South, have lumped together huge disparate areas of 5,000 to 6,000 electors represented by multiple councillors. 3 represent Heysham South. The ward consists of an area of older private residential housing with recent infilling between Kingsway - Heysham Rd and Heysham Village; Lower Kingsway with relatively recent Council and ex Council Housing ; and Upper Kingsway where an extensive estate of private housing with some affordable housing is expanding. There is also a small area around Heysham Harbour a little detached from the rest. As a result of this mixture the councillors elected for the area are of different political parties and frequently vote on opposite sides in debates. This makes it difficult to represent the area as a whole. In addition the sheer size of the ward makes it difficult to get to know the local diverse population personally and even the delivery of literature much less door to door calls is a mammoth task. I am of the opinion that the splitting of these multiple wards into single one member wards would be in the best interests of electors and councillors. This would give each councillor a handleable workload and ability to get to know the electors better and to stay in touch by personal representation, mailings or visits. The electors would have a single councillor to approach and not be frustrated by one councillor voting one way and another nullifying his/her views. I would therefore like to see your body recommend a Council consisting of 60 single person wards with the appropriate number of electors in each.

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