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I worked in local government as a chief officer in Liverpool during the 1960s through to the 1980s. I have directly observed the behaviour of large councils. In my view the number of Swale Borough Councillors should be reduced, for the following reasons:

A large number of councillors impedes effective decision making and debate

Reducing the number of councillors would save money, and officer time which could be used for other priorities

More Councillors tends to lead to a bias towards micromanagement rather than effective delivery of services

A smaller Council would encourage stronger leadership

A smaller Council would encourage Parish and Town Councils to do more for their local communities

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