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Dear Sir/Madam

Please will you take my views into account when you are making your decision on the future number of Councillors for Buckinghamshire Council post 2025.

I understand your Consultation finishes tomorrow so I hope I am not too late in writing this today.

I am a present Councillor on the Buckinghamshire Council but had been on the former Buckinghamshire County Council from 1977 to when it was changed to the Unitary Council.

I was also a Councillor on Aylesbury Vale District Council from 1999 until the Unitary takeover.

I was Deputy Leader on the County Council from when we changed to the Cabinet system at the Millennium until 2010 and have spent a total of 14 years on the Cabinet in total so I am fairly experienced in Council workings and the time to do the job properly.

Whilst I was Deputy Leader I was instrumental in reducing the Membership from 56 to 49 in order to be efficient and to spend the residents money wisely.

We now have the chance to comment on whether the amended membership should change to 80, 98 or 120 members.

When the County put in its bid for Unitary the figure of 98 was recommended as the County recognised the extra work needed to be achieved the bringing together of 5 Councils to the new Buckinghamshire Council.

The thought was to double the members in each ward recognising that some wards like my own would need some variation because of the increase of population due to major developments, but many others would stay very similar to where they were then.

I feel 120 is too large and is not warranted and wastes money, at the same time 80 does not allow for the variety of members that might get elected ; for example some might be in full time employment and cannot give all the time that is needed, some might be older and will not want a full time commitment and others might not be in it for the right reason and do not pull their full weight.

Therefore 98 would be the one I would suggest meets all criteria.

Throughout the decades I have been on the Council I have gained a lot of experience being Chairman of many major Committees and my time on the Cabinet, I have also helped with the IDEA in helping other Councils throughout the Noughty's,

What ever you decide on will not affect me as I am retiring from it in 2025 aged 72 and amassed 69 years in public service across the levels

Happy to help in anyway it is needed

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my views

Many thanks

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Member for Aston Clinton and Berton

Chairman of TECC Select Committee

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