

## Buckinghamshire County Council

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**Organisation Name:** Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council

### Comment text:

In order to consider the size of the Council it is important to take account of the impact widely varying Council sizes would have on the capability and capacity of the Council. Certainly, since the establishment of Buckinghamshire Council, there is now an increased demand on the time and expertise of Members. Councilors will inevitably bring a range of experience and skills but it would be unrealistic to envisage Councilors being equally capable in all areas. Experience of this Parish Council, since the establishment of the Unitary Authority, is that Members need to work closely together to organize their workloads between them to take into account their capabilities and in dividing up areas of work and balance, the demands placed on them by casework and their responsibilities to undertake committee work for the authority. Whether the location of wards, be they in rural areas or towns, may be a significant factor in determining the size of the Council is not clear as the evidence does not appear to indicate there are significant differences in demands. In conclusion a council size of at least 100 Members would enable the division of the Authority's territory into circa 50+ two-member wards of a manageable size.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded