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I am struggling to understand joined up policy here. On the one hand we have a drive towards Unitary authorities which ticks the economy, efficiency and effectiveness boxes. In Authorities that have gone down this route and in proposals that I have seen, Unitary authorities have far fewer councillors. So, on the other hand, you are suggesting more councillors, which is in direct opposition to the direction of travel. In addition, the COVID pandemic has forced councils to make greater use of technology which has proved effective. Councillors don't have to travel to meetings, don't need accommodation for meetings and can work more efficiently. We need less councillors, not more. Parish Councils are a useful way of focussing public opinion, but they are inefficient. Each one needs a clerk, who arranges meeting, pulls together agendas, compiles the minutes, let's and maintains contracts and keeps financial records. This could be achieved more efficiently and at substantially less cost if parishes were merged. It's not unreasonable to target a 50% or greater reduction in parish councils.

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