

Wychavon District Council

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Comment text:

When considering wards it is important decision makers look beyond just the number of residents. The economic activity in a ward will also impact on the work load. For example a ward with considerable retail and employment activity may well give rise to considerable number of planning applications which is considerable extra work. Business employees, owners, may not live in the ward but issues arising still have to be addressed, High numbers of tourists impact workloads. Some wards in a town may have considerably antisocial behavioural issues which add to the day to day work load just because of the nature of the area. Councillors are advocates on behalf of social housing residents - this too adds to case work, so areas with high social housing can add to a councillor's work load. In summary at a District Level, when determining the number of councillors and the number of councillors per ward It is important to use a set of criteria to assess the workload arising in each ward and give a weighting for those factors. no of residents predicted number of residents post SWDP no of business predicted number of residents post SWDP In a area of natural beauty AONB no of planning applications a year no of enforcements a year Tourist/visitors % social housing no of traveler sites Degree of rurality and distance No of community buildings No of community organisations No of leisure centres N of markets all of these factors impact on the ward work load only when weightings are applied can you access the relative workloads of each ward, determine which require more than 1 councillor and which have such low activity they could be merged.

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