

## Buckinghamshire County Council

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**Organisation Name:** Middle Claydon Parish Council

### Comment text:

There are 49 Electoral Wards in this council area. 2 elected members would be sufficient to cover the day to day administration, therefore 98 Councillors would be the number I would think appropriate. There are numerous committees and scrutiny oversight committees which have to formed, but having watched numerous webcasts, the majority of elected members do not add significantly to the proceedings, so a reduction in members participating would not be a great loss and may focus their attention on the matters in hand. The initial budget for the Council was based on 2 member wards and it was the Aylesbury Vale District Council vote that increased the number to 3 member wards. This increased the costs, unnecessarily without any gain in representation for the community, as the majority of the elected members represent just one political party. If the Elected members are reduced to 98, there should be a reduction in the running costs to the Council. A reduction to 2 members wards would also sharpen up the representation for communities and streamline the contacts with the communities they represent.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded