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Subject: review of councillor numbers Guildford Boro Council
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Dear Sonia

Herewith the submission from the Labour Group

'The Labour Group believes that the optimum number of electors per councillor lies within the range **2,100-2,500**, to allow for effective representative democracy in local government.

This range tallies with both the number of electors per councillor in other local authorities (e.g. Slough UA) and also the figures provided by the boundary commission in its introductory documents to this process (e.g. showing that Ash and Tongham Ward has three councillors representing 6,384 electors, with 0 variance – so **2,128 electors per councillor**).

The most recent register of electors shows an electorate of c.105,000 in Guildford so, by this definition, the optimum number of councillors would be 49 or 50 (105,000 / 2,128).

However, the Labour Group believes that there is flexibility within the range and that the number of councillors could be reduced to 42 if the upper range was used in calculations (e.g. 2,500 electors per councillor). The Labour Group believes that this is a little too high and therefore recommends that the number of electors per councillor should be 2,300 and that the number of councillors on Guildford Borough Council is reduced from 48 to **46***.

. * The final number of councillors should be calculated thus: (Total electorate: Guildford Borough/2300). The number may change according to the population figure at the time the process closes. '

regards
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