

Durham County Council

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As a general point, I feel that the current and proposed changes provide for far too many councillors, given the size of the population. Whilst I cannot suggest a total new package for Durham CC, as I do not have the information or facilities to provide a fresh example of local wards, I feel that the peoples cost of c £2.50 per head of population is in excess of what we as Durham County residents should be paying for our councillors. Please table below of other selected County Councils. Durham is currently the most expensive Council, whilst Lancashire is almost costing only a tenth of Durham CC's councillors. Both Oxford CC and Cambridge CC have less than half our current number of councillors. Even with the proposed reduction to 98, Durham would still be nearly 2 1/2 times as expensive as both Oxford and Cambridge. I do hope that this will be taken onto consideration when deciding upon the new divisions. Local authority Population in 2021

Number of Councillors	Residents per Councillor	Current basic allowance per Councillor	Total Councillor allowance	bill Cost per head of population		
Surrey CC	1,203,100	81	14,853	£13,000	£1,053,000	£0.88
Oxfordshire CC	725,300	63	11,513	£12,660	£797,580	£1.10
Cambridgeshire CC	664,600	61	10,895	£11,133	£679,113	£1.02
Lancashire CC	1,241,760	84	14,783	£4,842	£406,728	£0.33
Northumberland CC	320,600	67	4,785	£13,379	£896,393	£2.80
Durham CC	522,100	126	4,143	£13,300	£1,675,800	£3.21
Durham CC (proposed)	522,100	98	5,328	£13,300	£1,303,400	£2.50

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