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If we have less Councillors then the allowance needs to increase massively to attract people to be elected because the work load will be a lot larger. I currently work around 25 hours a week as a Councillor, between casework and meetings it takes a lot of time. My biggest concern with reducing the number of Councillors is how are we going to attract younger Councillors to give up their salaries for a part time job that doesn't even pay minimum wage? Unless you are a Cabinet member or Leader. With the allowance as it stands we won't be able to encourage educated people, we will end up with retired people, and we need a mix of ages and abilities to run the Council. If an educated person is earning £100k in London, how are we supposed to convince them to give that up? As it stands with 147 Councillors, 3 per ward, we are barely able to manage working evening and weekends. If we reduce that people will have to give up jobs to become a Councillor. Even at present it's difficult enough with 10am or 4pm meetings. It doesn't allow for Councillors to work full time and do this in their spare time. I am therefore completely against reducing the number of Councillors for the reasons I have given. Our residents deserve elected representatives to fully represent them. If you don't attend meetings, Committees or casework, which a lot of time has to be done during office hours, then you aren't able to carry out this role properly. Having a good mix of Councillors is vital to the future of the new Unitary Council.

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