

Liverpool City Council

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I was a Councillor for 4 years, but no longer involved with any political party or organisation. This feels far too complicated a system to adopt, with too many wards and too few multi-member ones. A big advantage of the current 3 member ward system is that Councillors can cover one another's casework and surgeries when busy, and build different sets of relationships with stakeholders in the ward according to their skillsets and experience. Also, in my experience, certain Councillors can be reluctant to engage with certain stakeholder groups (or vice versa) - single member wards may only exacerbate the problem and leave only one point of view represented. At least with multi member wards, especially multi party wards, there's a greater chance a broad range of perspectives will be represented. There is a risk, of course, that multi member wards result in some Councillors not pulling their weight, but this feels like a minimal risk when compared with those that come with smaller, single member wards. I'm broadly in favour of all-out elections every four years though, as hopefully it will discourage the constant campaigning mentality that some parties in the city have, and turn their attentions to the job they were elected to do.

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