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Related subject: Frome North

Rode Parish Council questions the Electoral figures for Rode, the spreadsheet gives a figure for 2023 of 942 and a projection for 2030 of 939. The projection appears low as in September 2023 the figure we have is 944 (similar to the spreadsheet) but now in November 2024 it has already reached 994. We project that in 2030 the electoral figure will be around 1,100. This underestimating of the figures is of concern to us. Frome North of which Rode is part, although having one of the lower populations (below the average population per Councillor) is however, a very diverse area with a number of villages of varying size as well as part of Frome town. This gives rise to a large number of different issues faced by the area. The requirements of a geographically diverse area are very different and currently the two Somerset Councillors struggle to keep up with everything. We strongly recommend that the area keeps two Councillors and should any changes be required then an adjustment to the area covered is considered prior to reducing Councillors for Frome North. The number of villages in the area already puts a lot of work onto the existing Councillors. The requirement for two Councillors is additionally important as this area is furthest from Somerset Council in Taunton.

Attached Documents:

None attached