

# Coventry

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## Comment text:

The recommendation of LGBCE to keep the same number of councillors is a good one for the City - a reduction at a time that the city is growing, and we need to engage with councillors more, would be wrong.

Some councillors are less effective than others, and with three member wards there is often a burden on certain individuals, making their workload even higher from their side, whereas from a resident point of view there is a learning as to what ward councillor will help. It would reduce the average workload of councillors to have smaller wards that have fewer councillors - one or two member wards.

The LGBCE council size submission highlights the large student populations. Where I work in the city centre, we are surrounded by student accommodation. The St. Michael's ward should be split up, with the core of the student accommodation in one ward, allowing that specific and transitory group to be represented by a councillor that can focus on their issues, and not diluting the work of another councillor. Other councillors representing the city centre could then focus more on the more permanent population, as well as better support the businesses.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*