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Every effort should be made to ensure local democracy is fully maintained and enhanced at town council and county council level through adequate representation by councillors in all local areas.

Electoral areas should not straddle county boundaries and should where possible be proportionate to local geographical hinterlands - i.e. areas where local populations naturally gravitate and generally conduct their social and commercial activities. It is vital that a dynamic is created between local communities and their elected representatives to ensure a voice for everyone. It should always be made possible that all aspects of concern to any individual has a reasonable avenue of communication to a councillor. The conclusions of this report should reflect pragmatic considerations rather than academic conclusions.

It should be prudent to consider the balance between demography vis-a-vis the topography of regions to ensure residents of the more remote areas can get an adequate service from councillors.

Electoral areas of 5 to 6 cllrs would be ideal if possible