

**Whole Council Elections – Factors to be Included**

- Consideration of pros and cons (including those summarised from the consultation below)
- Impact on time and resources for officers and Members, including the interruption to the committee flow
- Cost analysis
- Consultation – method and content

**Councillor Consultation - Pros and Cons of Whole Council Elections - Summary**

Pro	Con
Stability - would enable 4 years of strategy, work and building relationships	Wholesale change - could lose many experienced Councillors and impact on continuity
Improved voter engagement - reduced voter fatigue and potentially increase turnout	Parishes would need to align or face additional costs. By-elections less likely to time with elections.
Lower cost	Local elections can be related to National Politics so could become out of step with feelings.
Increased focus on borough-wide issues	Availability of candidates for 55 seats
Greater scope for wholesale policy change	Reduced focus on Independent candidates and Ward/Street issues.
Clearer delineation between Borough and County	Extra work for whole council election on the Elections team (e.g. nominations)
Training and induction easier – done as one cohort	Time taken for change - Lack of accountability immediately following an election and less gradual change
Reduced time spent campaigning and canvassing, and in 'purdah'	Canvassing can put Members in touch with their electorate