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Consultation Response Report

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<p>What was the consultation about?</p>	<p>A proposal has been made by six local authorities in Dorset, including Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, to replace all nine councils and replace them with two new councils.</p> <p>If the government accepts this proposal, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council would not exist in April 2019. Weymouth would then be virtually the only place in Dorset not covered by a parish or town council. Portland currently has a town council.</p> <p>This first consultation took place during the summer. We received almost 1,000 responses and the results have been published.</p> <p>This survey was seeking views about the final proposal for the town council.</p> <p>The consultation ran until 12 January 2018. Councillors will now consider the responses and make a decision on whether to set up a town council for Weymouth.</p>
<p>Over what period did the consultation run?</p>	<p>The consultation ran from 14 November 2017 until 12 January 2018</p>
<p>What consultation methods were used?</p>	<p>The consultation was available both electronically and could be completed online in libraries. The consultation was promoted widely through both the local press and social media.</p>
<p>How many responses were received overall?</p>	<p>532 overall responses were received, with 531 confirming on what basis they were responding. 484(91.1%) were Weymouth residents, 4 (0.8%) represented organisations, 2 (0.4%) represented local businesses. A further 41 (7.7%) were residents from outside Weymouth.</p>
<p>How representative is the response to the wider population of Weymouth?</p>	<p>The sample size is reasonable for a consultation of this type with 532 Weymouth residents taking part. If it were a random sample (but in this open survey people will self-select to take part) with the total population of Weymouth being 52,000, a response by 658 residents would mean one would be 99% confident that the answers given were representative of the wider population with a potential margin of error of +or- 5%.</p>
<p>Where will the results be</p>	<p>Results will be published on the council's website</p>

published?	www.dorsetforyou.com
How will the results be used?	The results will be used to guide councillors' decision making for deciding the future governance of Weymouth
Who has produced this report?	Mark Simons, Consultation Officer DCC/DCP January 2018

Analysis Method: Questions were considered on an individual basis. Overall responses were examined -and also specific responses of respondents who lived in Weymouth itself. The main method of analysis was looking at the percentage of respondents who expressed a view on each question. For several questions the percentage strongly supporting and supporting are calculated. Those opposing and strongly opposing are also recorded. One is taken from the other giving a net agreement figure. This could be positive or negative. A figure of zero would mean an equal number of people supported and opposed a statement.

For each open question the text comments have been studied and coded depending on what issues were raised. The coded comments are then reported on based on the amount of times those individual issues have been raised. Total redacted comments are provided in an appendix. Note: some figures may not sum due to rounding.

About respondents

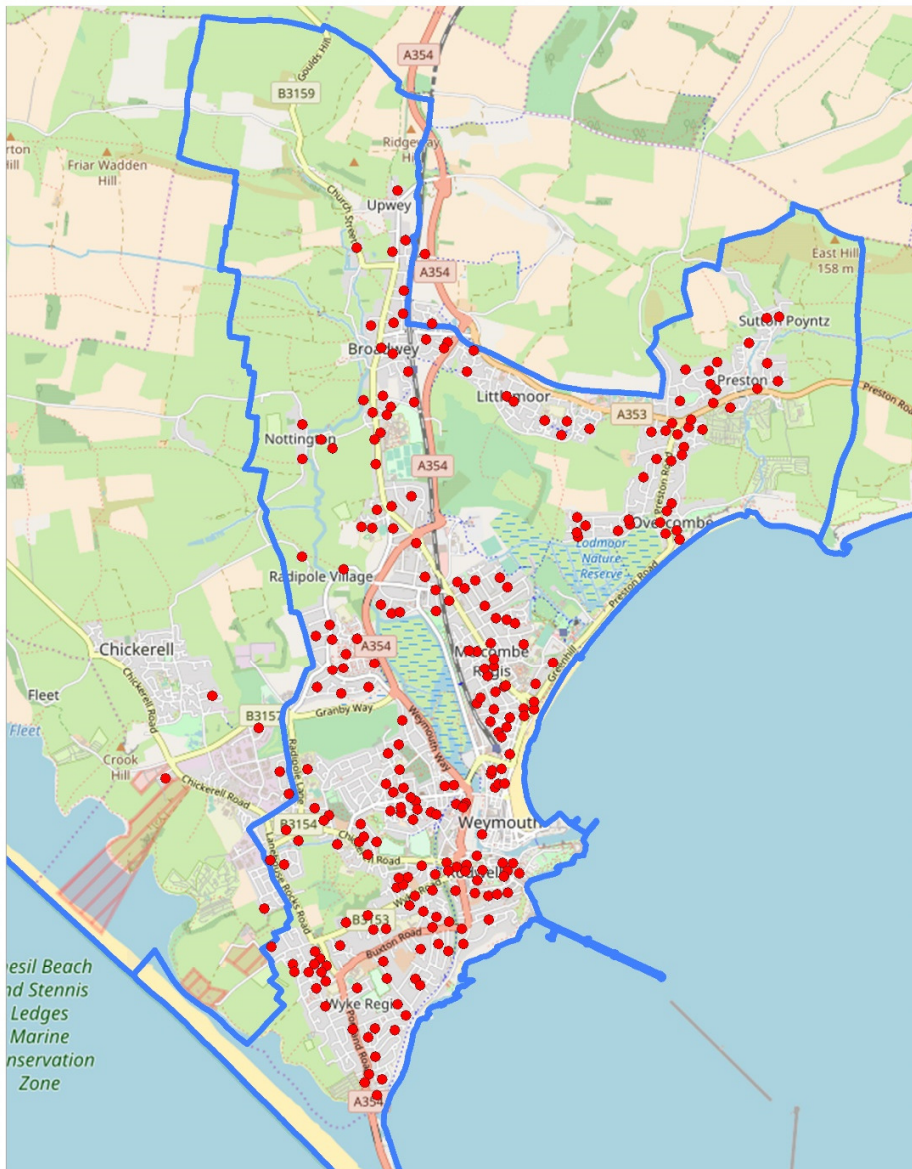
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Are you responding as:

	A Weymouth resident	A representative of an organisation	A representative of a local business	A resident from outside Weymouth
Number	484	4	2	41
% of all responses	91.1%	0.8%	0.4%	7.7%


Where do respondents live?

If people responded as a Weymouth resident they were asked for their postcode. 476 people provided their home postcode. The valid postcodes of all respondents living in or around the Weymouth area were plotted on a map. Below is a map of those responses. This clearly shows responses were received from right across the Weymouth area, with all areas being represented.



Weymouth community governance review 2017 - home postcodes of respondents from within Weymouth town

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The proposal

The borough council recommended the following:

- The creation of a single parish council covering the Weymouth area.
- The name of the proposed new parish council will be Weymouth Town Council
- The first election to the proposed new parish council to be in 2019 and then every fourth year thereafter.
- The number of councillors to be elected to the proposed new Parish Council (Council size) will be 29.
- The proposed new parish will be divided into 12 wards for the purposes of electing councillors.
- The boundaries of the wards of the proposed new town council will follow the boundaries of the borough council's wards.
- The name of the proposed wards and the number of councillors to be elected to the proposed wards will replicate that of the existing Weymouth borough wards.

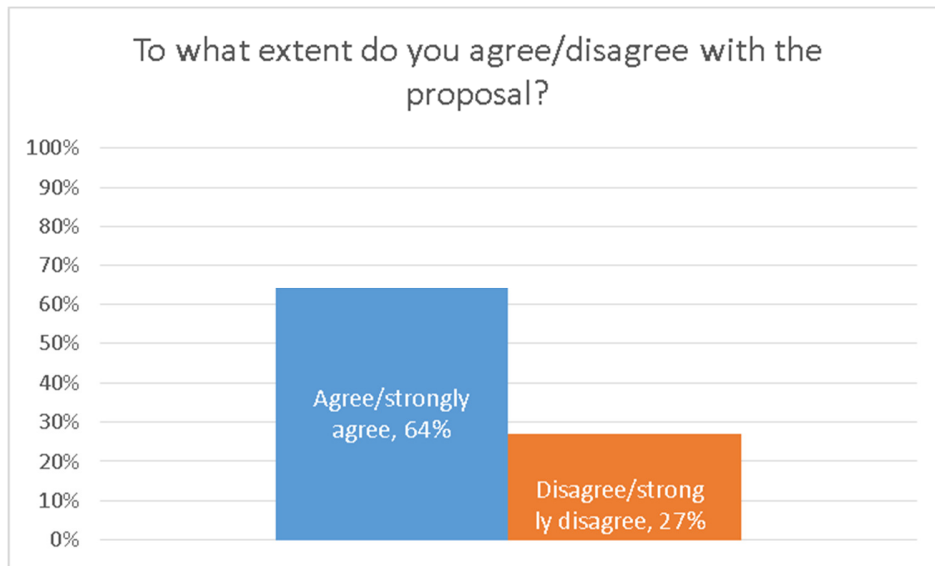
The respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the proposal above.

(overall responses)	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Number	128	211	45	68	75
%	24.3%	40.0%	8.5%	12.9%	14.2%

Overall 532 responses were received to this question. As the table above shows 339 (64.3%) agree/strongly agree whilst 143 (27.1%) disagree/strongly disagree. This gives a net agreement figure of plus 37.2%.

45 respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement.

If you look specifically at the responses from people who live within Weymouth itself you find a very slightly lower percentage support the proposal. Here 62.6% strongly agree or agree with the statement and 28.7% strongly disagree or disagree with it. From respondents from outside Weymouth 85.0% agreed/strongly agreed with the proposal and only 10.0% strongly disagree or disagree with it. Looking at the responses from people who felt they had a disability a reasonably high percentage supported the statement, with 67.1% (strongly agree/agree).



Responses to the survey from business and organisations were very limited. Only 2 businesses and 4 organisations responded. Of the six responding, 4 businesses/organisations strongly agreed/agreed with this proposal, 1 neither agreed/disagreed and 1 disagreed.

The next question asked in an open text format:

If you have any comments about the proposals, please let us know:

227 responses were made to this question. The responses covered a wide range of issues. The full comments are included as an appendix at the end.

The responses can be categorised as follows:

Issue	mentions
Too many councillors	132
Pointless - do not support	30
Not saving enough money	26
Too many wards/wrong boundaries	22
Other	18
Generally support	10
Wrong name	9
New council, new hopes	7
What will the town council run	4
Same old, same old	4

All should be elected together	3
Need boundary review for town	3
Northern parts should be separate	3
Examples elsewhere of larger population with fewer councillors	2
Should include Portland	2
Elections every 2 years	2
Same as previous proposal/Ignored	2
No payment for councillors	1
Town council should be inward looking	1
Members should have portfolios not areas	1
Need to keep cost of councillors down	1
Mustn't give political advantage	1
Need to get share of government funding	1
Effect on Portland	1
Good for continuing projects already started	1
Pay members by attendance	1
Elections every 4 years	1
Use referendums	1
More local body	1
Alternatives?	1

Responses to this question were wide ranging but with a strong theme emerging. With 132 mentions, respondents felt strongly that the arrangement of 29 councillors was too many. A couple of people gave examples of larger towns with significantly fewer councillors. E.g. Shrewsbury.

There were quite a few comments regarding the fact that they felt the proposal was pointless (mentioned 30 times) and also didn't save much money (mentioned 26 times).

The council has a duty to take into account the impact of decisions on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation).The question asked:

Are there any positive or negative impacts that you believe the council should take into account in the decision-making process in relation to protected characteristics? If so, please describe below, and suggest any ways in which the council could reduce or remove any potential negative impact or increase any positive impact.

There were in total 187 comments included in this section. However, some people appear to have misunderstood the specifics of the question and just included general comments. The question was looking for positive and negative impacts on people with protected characteristics from the proposal to set up a town council for Weymouth. Responses are summarised below. All full responses are provided in the appendix.

Category	Number of comments
Other	51
No impact	45
Treat everyone the same	17
How will one ensure balance of ages, gender, ethnicity on the council	8
Disability most important	4
Majority should be treated same as minority	3
Best person for the job regardless	2
Need to consider equality issues for all	2
Include real people as councillors	2
Consider religious beliefs	2
Meetings at times to suit more people	2
Racism is a problem in Weymouth	2

The majority of people saw no impact from the proposals. Some others commented about getting a good balance of councillors for the new council and others felt just treating everyone the same was the best way forward.

About You

The tables below show the profile of people taking part in the consultation. The consultation has attracted residents covering quite a wide age range. In Weymouth itself 24% of the population are aged 65+. In the survey responses 39% were aged 65+. Overall in Weymouth 60% of the population are aged 16-64. 57% of the responses came from people within this age bracket.

	Under 16	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Prefer not to say
What was your age on your last birthday?	0%	1%	3%	7%	17%	29%	29%	9%	1%	4%

The current profile of the residents of Weymouth show 49.4% male and 50.6% female. As the table below shows the responses from males (56.6%) exceeded females (38.6%), contrary to the age profile of the town.

	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
What is your gender?	56.6%	38.6%	4.8%

The profile of residents in Weymouth show 95.2% are White British and 4.8% Black and Minority Ethnic (BME). From those who chose to answer this question only 1.6% stated they were from a BME background. Hence, there was a below average response from BME residents.

	What is your ethnic group?
White	89.5%
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	0.8%
Asian or Asian British	0.0%
Black, African, Caribbean or Black British	0.4%
Any other ethnic group	0.4%
Prefer not to say	8.9%

14.7% of respondents considered they had a disability. There is no overall figure for Weymouth. The data has been used when analysing the responses to the questions to see if people who have a disability had a different view to the majority on the key questions in the consultation.

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	14.7%	78.3%	7.0%

Appendix 1

Redacted overall comments

1) Name should be Weymouth and Melcombe Regis 2) Too many Councillors- this exercise is supposed to present savings and accountability.
12 wards 29 councillors at least 5 too many
12 wards with 29 Cllrs sounds too many for the area, I am local but do not live in Weymouth
12 Wards, so only one Councillor per Ward is needed. We do not need 29 Councillors.
29 councillors are too many Posts should be voluntary only An unnecessary further layer of local government No precept We already pay too much for too little. --
29 councillors is completely over the top. 1 per ward is ample.
29 Councillors is far too many - as is the number of wards- the number of councillors and wards needs to be reduced as it is far too many for a town council.
29 councillors is far too many. If there are 12 wards, there should be 12 councillors to be increased in due course as necessary. This provides single point of contact for issues relating to the town bearing in mind that there will be new unitary councillors as well i.e. the town council should be more inward looking.
29 councillors is to many, this will no doubt increase council tax in an already deprived town.
29 councillors is too many
29 councillors seems a lot
29 councillors seems a lot for a small coastal town. I am sure they are well meaning, but I would have thought 10 would be enough for a lively debate and decision making.
29 Councillors seems an awful lot for 12 wards. Surely one for each ward would be sufficient.
29 counsellors is too many. Half that number, with Proportional Representation (eg by single transferable vote) would be better in my opinion
29 does not divide by 12 nor indeed 15, what you are proposing is the status quo by another name - how will any savings be realised? We already "enjoy" the highest Council tax per band in the whole country and Weymouth is on its beam ends. Nothing has changed, the existing Brough Council have stifled innovation and entrepreneurial endeavour at every turn. My good friend who works for DCC and has been nationally recognised for winning funding awards says that W&PBC has a very poor reputation for engagement and vision. This is obvious when I wal
29 is far to many - what are we trying to do - our present council is totally unrepresentative - look at how many people bother to vote - are they actually representative NO
29 is far too many and could lead to disagreements between Ward members and no progress being made on important matters. I lesser number of say 15 divided into activity (e.g. crime prevention, aged residents, education etc) not geographic, would be more productive.
29 is far too many councillors, cut numbers cut costs.
29 is to many counccillors, one per ward is enough Shrewsbury have only 17 for a larger population and they are a new Town Council
A Parish Council would be a waste of money; it would be powerless yet financially costly. No, No, No.
Agree to New Weymouth Town Council. However Disagree with number of councillors and

boundaries.
Agree with Weymouth Town Council but 29 is way too many Councillors
All councillors should face election in the same year not over staggered years as at present
Although I do agree with the proposals for Dorset, I do feel that a conurbation like Weymouth does need local representation to deal with local issues and address wider issues that may impact on the residents of the town. I agree with the proposed name.
Am I reading this correctly that the new council will be adding £150 each year to the Tax bill for Class D Building in place of the £300 that the Borough Council currently add. I am pleased that the council representatives will decrease to 29.
As long as it doesn't create any additional councillors that cost more money
as long as it doesn't give the tories an unfair advantage, which this tory government is intent on doing with boundary changes and as long as it's the best thing for weymouth.
As the position would be somewhat diluted do we still need 29 councillors However we do need sufficient to make sure the views of Weymouth are not drowned by the other areas We must have an equal contribution and ensure WE GET A FAIR PROPORTION OF ANY GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND FUNDING
As this is about weymouth with no mention of Portland I'm not sure how to respond. Is Portland going to lose identity and probably a reduction in services (not that we are listened to at the moment anyway)?
Best for continuation of current council activities.
But too many councillors
By not tackling the issues of the current Boundary for Weymouth excludes areas off Lane House Rocks Road and Littlemoor Road which are currently in West Dorset and that there will be a very large expansion of these areas. The excuse that the Boundary Commission needs to be involved is not valid. Also how can people be asked to comment on the size and name of the Town Council without being asked what it is they want the council to run. Remember the whole issue of unitary councils is to bring almost everything into a single place and make saving
Completely defeats the purpose of creating an unitary authority . We will now have two authorities doing the work of one at consequent unnecessary additional cost.
Consider that if a 'Town' Council is to be formed, this should amalgamated both Weymouth and Portland, as they will be considerably stronger as a combined force, making local governance easier and allowing the two geographically and socially diverse areas to attract funding and future investment, without leaving one or other area behind. Also it would make more sense to re-draw the Ward map, reducing the number of Wards to five or six, possibly with more councillors serving each.
Councillors should be paid on a pro-rata basis to encourage attendance at council meetings. Do there need to be the number of councillors mentioned?
Cut the number of councillors to 2 per ward so each ward has an equal say - and save money.
Do we really need 29 councillors.
Do you really need 29 councillors? I think not. 2 councillors x 12 wards = 24 Elections to be held every 4 years (all in, all out basis) which will ensure that residents views are heard. We do not need ineffective 'hung' councils. It will also be cheaper - hence the point of the reorganisation.
Don't see the need and 29 is far too excessive
Elections every two years. Twelve wards 12 councillors'

Elections should only be held every four years.
Far too many councillors for a much reduced responsibility
Far too many councillors for a town council which creates costs. Should be maximum of one per ward, ideally less wards than the current 12
Far too many councillors in number, we could start with 10 and add accordingly when necessary, the wards need to be reduced in number boundaries extended to suit ,one councillor to each ward under a non political guise as political differences seem to be a problem to the towns benefit . We need a body of people to work for weymouth at a local level for the residents and town itself. None of the council members should have conflicting business interests in weymouth as this appears to cause problems of trust with residents as a whole. New template
Far too many councillors when the idea to amalgamate borough councils to was save money - what oversight tasks will be left for them that needs the same number?
Far too many councillors, i understood powers were being transferred to the new unitary authority. What will these people actually do? One per ward seems adequate, and i think you need to explain the powers and responsibilities of this new council
Far too many wards and councillors for the size of Weymouth. It's a town not a borough council. The point of the exercise is to save money. All I can see is an extra precept pushing up the already extortionate cost of the council tax.
Have concern about the amount of Council Tax being asked of those on low wages
How come 12 wards and 29 councillors? Who gets an extra councillor? (And why?)
How have we progressed from a town council and county council to just one authority if we then create a parish council? Sounds like walking round in a big circle....
How will the council be funded
However I feel that 29 councillors is too many!
I agree with all of the recommendations as listed above except for the number of councillors to be elected. I think the number of councillors proposed for the new Town council should be no more than 20.
I agree with everything apart from the amount of councillors this should be reduced drastically and important decisions such as major redevelopments in the Town should be put out as referendum.
I agree with most of the above. I disagree with the need for 29 councillors. There needs only to be one councillor per ward.
I agree with the amalgamation but I think 29 Councillors is too many for what will be more limited responsibilities
I AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT DO NOT AGREE WE NEED 29 COUNCILLORS TO RUN A TOWN COUNCIL OF THE SIZE OF WEYMOUTH, WHICH EXCLUDES PORTLAND. I SUGGEST 12 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.
I agree with the proposed Town Council. BUT If there will be 12 wards there should only be a need for 12 councillors.
I agree with the single parish council & the naming as Weymouth Town council & the timing. I strongly disagree with the proposed council size of 29 councilors. This is way too many councilors for this area and in these times of cost control and trying to be efficient, this is not the best use of Tax payer money.

I am content with all but having 29 councilors, I believe 2 for each ward should be sufficient. We should take all steps to reduce spending and fewer representatives equals just that. Irrespective of size of area or resident numbers, it should be possible to do an efficient job.
I am from Chickerell and agree with everything Except 29 Councillors is way way too many for a Town the size of Weymouth.
I believe that 29 Councillors for the Parish Council is too large at 29 members for 12 wards.
I believe that the council should be WEYMOUTH & MELCOMBE REGIS as it was pre 1974
I disagree with 29 councilors for 12 wards. I agree with the rest
I disagree with the proposal to elect councilors to replicate the existing Weymouth borough wards. This is illogical. It would make more sense to elect councilors based upon the new 12 wards being created.
I do not agree with another layer of administration - our County Councilors can do the job required -
I do not support another level of local government.
I do think 29 is too many councilors for Weymouth though.
I don't see what we need a town council for, the only argument for it I've seen is that everyone else has one. Save the money!
I don't see the necessity for as many as 29 councilors, who each cost money, I feel 2 for each area is sufficient, even for what is currently the town center.
I don't think it needs 29 councilors to run the town council 21 should be enough.
I don't think it will make any difference as to me they don't do anything anyway they will just carry on in the same way
I feel a better proposal would be to call it 'Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Town Council'.
I feel that 29 councilors is to many, to keep cost down start with a lower amount and add more as it is easier to take on more if required than pay out for redundancy
I feel that there are too many councilors for a parish council of this size. Surely the number of responsibilities will reduce and therefore the number of councilors should also reduce?
i feel the name should incorporate the ancient borough of Melcombe Regis and be called Weymouth & Melcombe Regis town council
I feel Weymouth needs a council which is looking out for what Weymouth needs one which is based in Weymouth understand who things work in Weymouth. Not a council in Dorchester or any other part of Dorset. It needs councilors who live and work in Weymouth.
I find it a wasted opportunity that the current councilors will simply slide from one council to the next. The entrenched views and interests represented on the council are not necessarily of benefit to Weymouth, as is regularly demonstrated by their decisions. I would have liked to see a moratorium on existing councilors being able to sit on the new council for at least four years. To only offer residents an opportunity to elect councilors once every four years reinforces my view that the incumbents are giving themselves the longest possible
I have concerns regarding the number of councilors for only 12 wards. Surely 12 councilors would suffice.
I have concerns that it will be the same Council that we have now, but under a different name...

<p>I have lived in Nottingham for over 37 years, and have always felt that managing & in fact voicing the needs of our village & rural community outside the town of Weymouth itself has always been largely ignored by the council and is placed as secondary to the primary social & economic needs of Weymouth itself. The responsibility our unique needs to be brought together as a collective for villages of Upwey, Broadwey, Nottingham, Radipole and Chickerell. Our needs & interests as a rural/village community have never been satisfied by a larger Borou</p>
<p>I have lived in Portland for 25 years when I moved here the Council had its Treasurer removed for Incompetence nothing has changed Incompetent Councillors elected because no one else wanted the Job. The list of their stupidity is too long to list here. They only want to keep there Salary and Expences. I would NEVER support the continuation the Council under any circumstances</p>
<p>I have put a tick in the disagree box because although I am not against a Town council as such I strongly believe that 29 councillors for a council with reduced powers is far too many. With only 12 wards even with 2 councillors per ward would show a reduction but I feel that 1 per ward to be sufficient.</p>
<p>I hope the new council will not have a chief executive paid at such an obscene salary as the present. I hope the new council will not do such stupid things as tear down the Esplanade fairy lights and replace them with seaward shining lasers in ugly towers. I hope the new council will arrange for the mass of traffic lights to be replaced by roundabouts at the three main town junctions. I hope the new council takes better care of the town's swimming pool than the present. I hope the new council will reduce parking fees and stop driving people away</p>
<p>I like idea of a town council but what is proposed ignores the concept of the unitary authority which I understood was to reduce the number of local councillors and streamline services. The Weymouth town councillors will have less to do than they do now. Using the existing boundaries ignores the shape of the conurbation of Weymouth which includes Chickerell and the Granby estate. Bringing them together would make a strong settlement.</p>
<p>I live on Portland now but am a Weymouth person from birth. I recognize the strong need for an authority to speak for the town and people of Weymouth, and I hope it will get increased powers.</p>
<p>I see little point in having another layer of council when we are trying to reduce the number of councils and reduce the cost of local government</p>
<p>I think 2 councillors per ward would be more appropriate making a total of 24 rather than 29.</p>
<p>I think 29 Councillors is a bit much - why do you need so many.</p>
<p>I think 29 councillors is too many for the limited amount of duties that they will have to undertake. also consideration should be made to revamp the ward boundaries to take into consideration the varying and increasing population of some wards and the number of councillors representing them. Also will the new organisation be amended in the future to take into consideration the potential increase in population of some wards. There is no mention on any remuneration allowed to the councillors ie will they be given payment to be a councillor or jus</p>
<p>I think 29 Councillors is too many. It is very difficult to make decisions when so many people are involved. How about 12 councillors with a Chief Executive having a vote as well to ensure an odd number.</p>
<p>I think I'm this age of austerity we should not be looking to introduce more expenses with a town (parish) council but save money which a 1 tier unitary council will bring to Dorset.</p>
<p>I think the 29 councillors is too many for a town council representing 12 wards.</p>
<p>I thought that this was what was put forward in the previous proposal!</p>

I understood the point of creating a new authority for Dorset was to reduce duplication and overlap where . What will a new council actually do? why does it need so many Councillors? Judging by social media, most people think WPBC is out of touch and ineffective and then say there's no point in voting . How will a new council be any different?
I would agree to most but disagree to the number of councillors you are proposing.
I would have been happier with 25 council members.
i would like my local issues dealt with by a more local body.
I would like to see the number of councillors reduced by about 1/3.
I WOULD PREFER NO TO BE PART OF A UNITARY AUTHORITY.
I've lived here for 14years & have watched Weymouth (especially town centre) slide into decline & disrepair under the current council. I'm doubtful, but still hopeful, that the proposed changes will improve the locality for residence.
Ideally reduce to 10 wards with 2 Councillors each. If that is too difficult then maximum of 2 Councillors per ward - 24 Councillors
If the "Town Council" is to be a new organisation then replicating the current "Borough Council" system is not a good starting point. Effort should be made to define new wards based on population numbers and assign officer posts to reflect that.
If there are 12 wards how does this equate to 29 councillors?
If we have 12 wards, why do we need 29 Councillors? I do not see that the increase in Council Tax justifies the potential imposition of the same organisation we already have, but with vastly reduced powers compared to the Unitary Council. We already have the Weymouth BID taking its cut of businesses with very little concrete to show for its levy.
I'm not sure what this will achieve. It seems to me that more councillors will just cost more money, when we already pay the highest council tax in the country.
It appears strange that part of Wyke Regis on the Portland Road is being designated as West Weymouth. I wish we had a individual representation for Ferrybridge and we were separate from Wyke on the map, as previously I feel the Wyke councillor has not stood up for our needs, and with the proposed Portland bypass a future issue, we need a local voice.
It is difficult to answer this question as I agree with some of it and disagree with other parts - ie number of councillors and wards. A town council should be an appropriate organiaation and not just the borough council in another name. Bureaucracy, financial / management and operations need to be set up accordingly.
It is vitally important that Weymouth has a clear voice and local representation, I am a resident and local buisness owner .
It seems to me a sensible, practical and economic way ahead for Weymouth
Just another toothless body costing us ratepayers even more money.
Key parts of information are omitted from the document such as the savings on council is specifically exempld and yet the replacement charge is then not mentioned. It therefore appears that this is merely a rebranding exercise that will make no difference and yet incur considerable expense for the privilege of doing so. Our financial reserves are not sufficient at this time it this exercise is not only pointless, it is frivolous.

Local councillors in my experience are not any help to the locals and certainly not when i needed their help! Much to my surprise my MP Mr Drax did their job for them. I am against spending more on council tax for them to waste on consultations instead of doing their own jobs they are paid for!
local government should include representation at the closest possible level to service delivery
Many of our older members feel that their identity is being lost. They have lived in the town for many years in one case 90 and feel they are going to get lost in the system. They need a local council they can get contact in person. They often do not use computers and want a face or voice to talk to a local council will provide a contact point and a sense of identity.
Many people are cynical around council consultations, feeling their views will be ignored. This seems to be playing out with this one. Although you chose to not publish the % data that you did for other questions, it appears that many people thought 29 councillors for 12 wards was far too many in the 1st consultation. Now I know this is a bit turkeys voting for Christmas, but I'd hope the decision makers would be making decisions based on the needs of the public, i.e. reduced council tax, rather than themselves. Anyway, just to repeat my view f
Members of the new parish take responsibility for understanding frontline issues that impact the progression and prosperity of its young people / parents. Many of whom are in crisis and feel their community are not equipped to support families into positive destinations such as employment, training or education.
mUST Cut cost & Red tape .
My real concern is whether the current cohort of councillors are able to shift their responsibilities from the strategic responsibility to the local role. As quoted in the consultation, good local governance is about local engagement, sadly I don't believe the current cohort hold this duty as a core principle thus necessitating a change in role and focus. I wish to lodge a note requesting that greater clarification is made available about the new role of the Town Council and the specific responsibilities of the elected members and their relations
Name should be Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Include a request for a boundary Review This must be faced at some time
No further charges should be made to the council tax payer who is already overburdened with payments to local government...so leave it as it is and improve the system we have in place
No need for town council One layer of council removed don't then create another one
No of councillors seems rather high, as with the number of wards, could any be merged to help reduce operating costs, for which we are residents will have to fund. Lets actually see councillors doing stuff for the community rather than seemingly only popping up when they want votes! I am sure they work all year round, but we never know about it. I for want want the community to spruce itself self up up - lets stop wallowing in self pity and fix the town!
Nobody ,as far as I have read, has stated what the alternative is.
None
None
Not really as long as Weymouth still has a voice that is listened too.
Now is the chance to change an outmoded system of wards and number of councillors. The number of councillors is too high. With 12 wards, 24 should be the maximum.
Once established with 29 Councillors it will not change. Each of them would want to cling to their little bit of power.
One council member for each ward or a couple or a couple of wards represented by each council

member?
only if the unitary council is created
Our Council Tax is already very high and no doubt there will be additional cost for a Town Council even though money has supposedly been save by merging the original Weymouth Council into the County Councils. Weymouth does not need 29 Councillors to represent it. This proposal is simply "jobs for the boys".
Reconsider the proposed number of councillors. I suggest 18 as being adequate. If this means redrawing the boundaries of the wards, then so be it !
Reduce number of councillors by 20%
Review the number of councillors later; 2 per ward seems like a good number.
Separate weymouth from Portland brilliant idea
Since the Town Council with have very limited powers we do not need 29 councillors. 12 would be enough - one for each Ward
Size and population of Weymouth decrees necessity of an independent "Parish Council". Ward boundaries seem sensible. 29 seems somewhat excessive for numbers of councillors. Would not 24, two for each ward, not suffice. We want dedicated, public spirited representatives entirely concerned with serving the community.
Surprised by the naming of "Radipole", this is considered "Lodmoor" by me
The benefit of scale being delivered by the new structure will be completely undone by introducing yet another layer of local government, maintaining the status quo. The vast majority of people who voted in the borough voted in favour of the new structure which did not include a Council for Weymouth, there were no large scale protests at this omission as there were in other boroughs. I, like many others were looking forward to saving £300+ per year back in my pocket to spend on the local services I choose to use. I feel that unless you get a sig
The Council size should be no more than 20.
The current Council do not seem to have the best interests of Weymouth at heart so maybe an interruption to that old hat set-up would be an advantage.
The idea of the unitary council is to save money. An additional town or parish council would be an extra expense on the council tax payer.
The name "parish" council seems very anachronistic. Can it not just be Weymouth Town Council? I am very concerned that no elections will take place until 2019. Who will look after Weymouth Town in the meantime? It is already suffering from neglect.
The name of the Council should be Weymouth & Melcombe Regis
The name should be Weymouth and Melcombe Regis as it was 400 years ago. The Boundary Commission should be asked to review the towns boundaries within 4 years . Suggest the Chickerell Link road to the west. and to include development behind garage in Lanehouse Rocks Road road; the present boundaries are nonsense.
The new unitary arrangements amount to 'centralisation'. They are doomed to failure and will be replaced with decentralisation proposals in due course as sure as eggs is eggs. When will elected members of local government realise that the public don't know you, don't care who you are or what you do and more importantly neither does central government. You are all pawns in their game. So my comments are this; don't form a Town Council at all. Let others come in and cock it up. Whoever runs local councils is on a hiding to nothing, especially when
The no. of Councils needs to be reduced if Unitary Authorities are to be effective.

The number of council members seems to be disproportionate to the number of Wards 24 would seem to be a more representative number
The number of councillors is absurd given the very limited powers of this council. The intention is to save money, not to replace spend with new spend, especially as the new council will not have a real role
The number of councillors is far too high. If there are twelve wards, why can't there be 12 councillors, or 24 at the most (2 for each ward)? Councils are always finding ways to make cuts, surely this would be a very good place to start. To say that this number could be reviewed after the town council is formed is ridiculous. How many newly elected town councillors will vote to make themselves redundant!!!
The number of councillors is too high and should be 1 per ward
The number of councillors needs to be enough to conduct ordinary business but not too many as to overwhelm the meetings, twelve councillors is enough to make up a quorum and decide the future of our town i.e. one per ward. The name of our town and its council needs to stand tall and be noticed so the proposed name is correct.
The number of councillors should be reduced to cover the less work involved
The number of Councillors should decrease as the functions of this. Council will be far fewer.
The number of wards and councillors should be cut. 29 councilors far too many.
The proposed size of the Council is too high for it to be effective and efficient; it is unclear what the Council will do and its constitution will inevitably lead to further increases in Council tax (already high when compared with other parts of the country).e of the
the residents of Weymouth should have a voice in the new council for Weymouth
The town council should have little responsibility if the local government restructure to two unitary authorities is competently handled so why on earth does it need 29 councillors? Presumably because the current councillors (36) -7 Portland Councillors = 29? Talk about Turkeys not voting for Christmas! The current County Council model is 1 per ward which is quite sufficient. If 12 councillors is too few then I suggest you increase the number of wards to 15 with 1 per ward.
The unitary authority will deprive residents of the voice of an elected local representative.
There are too many councillors! There should be a maximum of two per ward ... in fact, why not a single councillor per ward? The Town Council will have a reduced level of responsibility and so there should be less issues to report
There is no correlation between devolved responsibilities and number of Town Councillors. Can it be made clear the responsibilities of DCC, The new Unitary Council and Weymouth Town Council and how many officers will be required in each.
There is no need for 29 councillors as the Town Council will have less powers and less money so less decisions. It is absolutely ridiculous to have economies of scale for employees but not for councillors. I suggest 1 per ward i.e. 12 councillors. They certainly should not be paid the same rate that they are now as they will have less responsibilities because of less power and less spending.
There is no need to have 29 councillors. The point of joining forces was to save money, not to keep all the previous councillors in a job, they will obviously have much less work than in their previous role so it cannot be justified to keep all 29.
There is no reason whatsoever to have 29 councillors for just 12 wards.
there is only going to be 12 wards so why do we need so many councillors? I can see a better result for my if its only run from dorset county council to reduce costs to residents and be the one source to go

to.
There should be a single councillor for each ward and a separately elected Mayor. The Mayor would then have a deciding vote on policies.
There should be fewer councillors, just 12
There should be fewer councillors.
There should be more parishes as I think that a Weymouth Town Council will only concentrate on the town centre and immediate area around it and forget about the villages
There will be no planning powers in Weymouth. All decisions will be made more remotely buy people with little local knowledge or concern.
Think we should recall the history of Melcombe Regis and call it weymouth and Melcombe Regis 29 seems rather aloof councillors with relative costs Think it should be reduced in number x
This can ONLY work with a much more reduced council size. One councillor per ward is enough especially given that we also have representatives at County level plus a couple of MPs. The above proposal is only tinkering with with what we tax payers are asking for and shows very little forward movement. One name change and a handful of councillors lost - not particularly modern thinking.
This is all being done by the government and the Conservative party solely for political reasons and doesn't care for the residents of Weymouth and Portland
This is essential to ensure democratic representation and a degree of control for the residents of Weymouth.
This plan shall result in a diminished representation for what is one of the largest population ares of the region
This seems to be a pointless response to just losing the current council structure by introducing another one without any significant benefit.
This will only work if Weymouth will be allowed to have better control of affairs for Weymouth and Portland and not dictated to by higher authorities, taking the money away from residents of the borough.
To ensure costs are cut it is vital that you do not replicate what went before. The number of councillors is and always has been far too large. I agree with the basic principle but not the numbers, one per ward would be sufficient.
To many councillors, it should be trimmed back
To many councilors, 12 wards 2 each at most. They will have less to do than before.
Too many councillors
Too many councillors
Too many councillors
Too many councillors
Too many councillors - 12 is enough ie one per ward 29 is far too many
Too many councillors in the proposal. 12 wards, 12 councilors .
Too many councillors so do without the council altogether. We don't want higher council tax thrust upon us.
Too many councillors still.
Too many councillors!
Too many councillors! Should be around 15, no more. We don't require the amount of planned

councillors!
Too many councillors, should be one councillor per ward!
Too Many councillors, which will cost the rate payers more in the long term. Needs to be reduced to a more sensible number perhaps 14 to 15.
Too many councillors. Will they really be reviewed after the first election?
Town councils have no real power and this proposal represents a waste of time and money. Having a large number of councillors will increase the bureaucracy and waste.
Under the new proposals we have representation at county level. We do not need duplication particularly if it is going to cost £3.00 a week.
Understand that Portland wishes to remain separate but there would be milage in speaking with one voice indeed as being one voice
W&P have seriously different democratic than the rest of West Dorset. The highest poverty, lack of housing, poor social mobility, high rates of teenage pregnancy and STIs, high drug and alcohol addiction these people will be lost in a massive council and may end up more deprived. These figures may then be shown to be part of the whole of West Dorset and not the target area of Weymouth and Portland and will therefore miss out on extra help for deprived areas
We disagree that the number of councillors to be elected to the proposed new Parish Council (Council size) will be 29. The Town Council will have very many fewer responsibilities than the existing Borough Council and considerably lower funds. 29 councillors are too many for a much diminished body, and less than half this number would be more appropriate and proportionate.
We do not need 29 Councillors. One per ward is more than enough.
We do not need a parish council, they will have no powers and are simply a drain on everyone's salary. This is just councillors voting themselves into a job which is morally wrong.
We do not need to replicate the system that has failed to deliver re-generation up till now. I would advocate more Parish Councils - one per Ward with one elected Councillor (per Ward) to take forward representations to the County Council level. Councillors need support staff and government officers, this proposal will do nothing to make local government lean and more efficient
We don't want 29 councillors Keep to a max of 6 There will be no power
we have just voted to remove all the small councils & have larger ones to amalgamate & cover the whole county. We dont want another bloated layer of council / civil servants
We strongly agree that Weymouth should have a town council. However, we think the proposed council is too large. Weymouth would come about in the middle in terms of population of the biggest towns with town councils. Their populations range from 80000 to 45000 and town councils range in size from 31 to 12. At 29 councillors Weymouth would have 1 councillor for each 1790 people, the lowest of any of the ten towns. There are precedents for much smaller councils – Macclesfield for example, at 52000 people, the same population as Weymouth, has a
Weymouth has, and always will be, a town in it's own right
Weymouth is a seaside town with strong history that is being overlooked and destroyed by people in power that run cities when there is a huge difference. Time to return glory to Weymouth with its own town council to focus on what truly represents a seaside town.
Weymouth is of sufficient size to warrant a separate town council, in fact it is imperative

Weymouth is unique in many ways, it's population changes with the seasons, and it is a very mixed population, a lot of people have retired here so are elderly, it is asking a lot to expect people from inland Dorset to understand us, or us to understand them.
Weymouth Town Council will have far less powers than W&PBC. There is no need to have the expense of 29 councillors to carry out an administrative burden far below that of our current 29 councillors.
Weymouth Town needs a voice for local residents.
What are the cost implications of the new arrangement relative to the current arrangement costs?
WHAT IS THIS OPTION? IS THIS AN EXAMPLE OF THE GRAMMER WE SHALL EXPECT?
Why do we need 29 councillors and 12 wards we should all be just one voice for the benefit of the town!
Why do we need 29 councillors for 12 wards? Cut the number of incumbents to the number of wards and demonstrate significant cost savings at the same time.
Why do we need another layer of bureaucracy which will have very limited powers? I imagine that this council will consist of the same councillors who currently form the W&PB council so what will change?
Why do we need to set up another Council when we are trying to save money?
Why does the proposed parish council require 29 councillors? One of the reasons for going into 2 unitary authorities was for the reduction in councillors - far too expensive a commodity!! Might just as well have voted for retaining the status quo as this new proposal means no changes made!!!
Why is there 29 Councillors in 12 wards?
Why is there 29 councillors when only 12 wards?
Why not 24 councillors - 2 from each ward?
Will the proposed councillors publish their feelings on this proposal and their current and previous work within the borough as we will need people that believe in what they are doing as proposed to putting up hurdles.
Will this make councils more accountable or less? More democratic or less? More cost effective or less?
With 12 wards, why 29 councillors?
Would prefer to see less local councillors- 24 would be better and will be able to represent all residents
Would prefer 'Wymouth @ Melcombe Regis Town Council'. Also reduce the number of council lord eg one per ward.
You should create a parish, yes, but not just one, parishes should be set up in places like Upwey, Nottingham, Sutton Poyntz, otherwise these distinct areas will be overlooked by a town council.

Redacted protected characteristics comments

A single point of contact to co-ordinate Adult Social Services, they are too fragmented and chaotic with no ownership and accountability lost in the multi-agency morass.
A Unitary Authority that is effective should be able to deal with.

<p>Accessibility for people with disabilities and particularly mental health issues. With the move to universal credit by 2019 and a proposed restructuring of the local authorities, people need signposting of their rights and access in terms of discretionary payments and hardship funds as at present it is unclear how to access levels of support from the council and further organisational changes combined with the changes at the dwp could be confusing and stressful for people with mental health issues and disabilities</p>
<p>Adult social Services is a chaotic mess, there is no business continuity, no ownership and certainly no accountability. There are one or 2 go-to personnel who are run off their feet, willing horses always get the work...There is so much inefficiency in the system it is verging on civic vandalism in my opinion.</p>
<p>Affordable housing should be for British and local residents '</p>
<p>All I would like to see is that the majority are treated to the same privilege of understanding their needs or feeling as the very high profile minorities..</p>
<p>As far I'm concerned their record for equality leaves a lot to be desired. They seem only interested in the equality and human rights of their staff as they failed to carry out quality impact assessments when deciding new plans for the residents who vote for them.</p>
<p>As you have not yet been voted in why are you asking such questions? Does this imply a fore-gone conclusion?!!!</p>
<p>Best person for the job regardless race or gender.</p>
<p>best person should get the job, always</p>
<p>Could the council be more encouraging of non-white residents to be on the council. We need imagination and vision and not stick-in-the mud stuff. People from outside tend to see that need more so and should not be discouraged.</p>
<p>Depends on what responsibilities Weymouth Town Council will have devolved from the Unitary Council. When this is known, these can be considered.</p>
<p>Disability is the only 'Human Right' the majority of us will not be able to overcome at some stage in life and should therefore be high on the agenda when considering 'Equalities'. We have no control over the age we become, sex or race we are born into or with so we should get on with it. Too much attention is paid to the other 'choices' which are minorities and attract a high proportion of attention.</p>
<p>Disabled access to all areas equality impact assessment needed for all decisions where restrictions would lead to discrimination of groups of people .consultation with the public should be well advertised to local groups the public and be held in an accessible place for all.and the results should reflect the majority of the public and not the personal opinions of council members.</p>
<p>Do not create the parish council</p>
<p>Do not have another layer of administration</p>
<p>Do something about the state of pavements and level access for disabled people.</p>
<p>During your equality impact assessment how will you ensure that a balance of the protected characteristics are met in the new Town Council?</p>
<p>Endeavour to involve real people with a range of disabilities, ages & sexual orientation. Difficult to achieve but would lead to a more inclusive approach</p>

<p>Ensure representation with elected members. Should be at least 50% female representation. Evidence why here: https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/dec/06/iceland-women-government-better-for-mothers-america-lessons?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other</p>
<p>Equality and human rights should be already fully integrated in today's society. Why this should have a separate section within this consultation seems unusual. Based on this, shouldn't every point being consulted upon have it's own comments box rather than a one box fits all?</p>
<p>Future planning and development takes full account of disabled access, not only wheelchairs but provision of suitable access and use by people with special needs including vision impairment. More consideration needs to be made for the provision of toilet facilities including special changing facilities for disabled adults and children. In addition to human rights, there is an imperative need to place more emphasis on environmental issues, including open spaces, littering, pollution and general human destructive behaviours which are damaging the area for both humans and wildlife.</p>
<p>How can Human Rights get its own question when all of the elements of the proposal are lumped into one single proposal? Shocking, I feel a complete stitch up coming on. My human right to not have money taken off of me without me giving permission will be infringed if this proposal goes ahead.</p>
<p>Human Rights are earned not just given carte blanche! Too much emphasis is now placed on minorities and their "rights." Dont kow tow to these minorities; majority rules!</p>
<p>Human Rights is the worst law ever invented and should be scrapped.</p>
<p>I am reluctant to get involved in issues of "political correctness" , which in many ways have been conducted with excessive zeal. I would say that, in regard to observing of religious matters, this country has been for centuries, and remains, a liberal Christian culture. Such values should predominate. There should be none of the nonsense, which has been reported in other areas, where a Council fails to support traditional elements such as erection of Christmas trees or lights for fear of offending a religious minority.</p>
<p>I believe that God has ordained marriage between a man and a woman. It probably will never affect me but I feel for those who may be forced by law to go against what they also believe about this and it being an infringement of their right of beliefs. Also, I do not want to share public changing rooms and public toilets with members of the opposite sex.</p>
<p>I believe the few have a larger impact on the many and the costs involved are not balanced enough.</p>
<p>I do not believe we will be properly represented.</p>
<p>I do not see any impacts.</p>
<p>I do not see that we have a problem with this in this area.</p>
<p>I do not understand the question. Councillors put themselves forward for election, the people choose. Where does any sort of discrimination come in? Are you proposing we follow the BBC and insist on having one black person, one white person, a muslim, a christian and an equal quantity of men and women etc.</p>
<p>I feel there should be a limit on the maximum number of years that any councillor can be in office eg two terms.</p>

I work for a living and pay my taxes and rates - there are too many people out there who do neither yet still take off of the state. I am dismayed by the cuts in previously "enjoyed" services ie Police/Doctors/NHS/Recycling - presumably as a result of the increased demand on these services. As the population increases and the ratio of people contributing to the "system" decreases, I suggest this situation will only get worse. My suggestion - make sure those people of working age who are not working have a valid reason for not working - get them contributing and perhaps the demand on these essential services make decrease
I would like the town council to continue to be active about disability needs,
If there is no local council there is not a problem.
Irrelevant
Irrelevant.
It is likely to cost Weymouth residents more money
Just avoid stereotypes-try and get a good diverse representation on the council
Just treat everyone the same.
Let any councillors beware trends to pander to excessive acknowledgement of "equalities or human rights". Serving the majority of sensibly educated residents with fairness and common sense, not bigotry/blind or excessive zeal, should be a positive aim.
More accountability, that will lead to a more focused effort on behalf of the residents as well as the seasonal business requirements. Weymouth has major social issues and this should be on top of the agenda and local Councillors should be held accountable.
Moving to a single parish will have NO impact on my disability at all
My human rights are being abused, by this endless draining of my meagre resorses.
N/A
Negative aspects relate to the spending of large sums of money on facilities, services etc for small percentages of the population. Spending should relate to the size of the population likely to benefit form that spending.
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No
No
No comment
No comment.
no comments to make
no different from the situation today with a borough council
No we need people that are interested in community irrelevant of background gender religion race etc
No, these are irrelevant to delivering council services.
No.
No. I believe if we simply look upon/treat all with the same consideration then that is fair and in line with the equalities act.
Noe
None
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None
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None
None
None
None
None
None
None as there should be no effect on anyone from any of these groups because of the formation of a town council!
None known
None spring to mind
Not sure
Nothing to add
Obvious equalities and human rights problem is the group's of 'vulnerable' classed individuals (drug addicts, alcoholics, recently released from prison, etc) these are centrally situated hanging around the train station (the location of Lantern halfway house being the beacon) and loitering along the seafront. There needs to be a better location set up to aid these people away from prime locations that scare locals and visitors by being a public nuisance. It needs to be addressed that a bigger property and out of town centre location is needed. Westham near Linden mental health centre for extra support possibly? Let Weymou
Often the older elected councillors in the past don't want change, perhaps there should be a complete reshuffle to include councillors who represent the people of today....there must be a wide age range, sexual orientation (gay councillor represented on the council and ethnic groups too)
Oh do me a favour. What's that got to do with whether to set up a tow council?
Only what everyone should be practising anyway.

Please do not forget that some people are fortunate enough not to suffer any of the above but quite often suffer reverse discrimination.
Please have a forum for disabled people to address access issues.
Please see my previous comments.
Please stop trying to be politically correct.
Portland will be greatly disadvantaged if it is to assume a separate town council to the rest of the existing Borough, with greater social exclusion and deprivation the most likely abject consequence.
Racism should be the first priority
Serious thought needs to go into local work schemes
Simply treat everyone the same.
So long as we are not so pc people can't say what they think. We all have the rights to our views and they should be respected as well
Sort the homeless out
Stop wasting our taxes!
The council meetings should be promulgated and held at such a time and place that the public may attend, speak with their representatives and allowed to speak to the council when more important matters are discussed. Monthly informal meetings should be held with members of the public, say one morning? It is not always possible to say everything through the medium of the internet.
The council MUST do more to remove vagrants,beggars and the homeless from our streets....Too many suitable properties are being left vacant.
The Council should take into account the individual characteristics of the residents of each ward. Councillors not representing the relevant wards should not be allowed to vote on local issues.
The council should uphold and practice principled open inclusive democracy and promote fair and balanced governance with a total commitment to steering a clearly mandated, supportive, sustainable, generative, considered vision for a socially accountable Town.
The environment must always be considered, along with the impact change will have.
The new town council could help those who work, women, people with caring responsibilities, older people and people with disabilities by trying more modern ways to run meetings and to encourage active participation using online tools for example - so people can participate in local democracy easily from home. Could the new council allow/encourage job-share councillors, again making it easier for women and people who work to participate. I believe the greens do this already in some parts of the country.
The positive action the Council could do is Retire Gracefully and look after their Allotments
the public conveniences are, of course, a case in point. Weymouth has marvellous underground toilets. I believe the last of these has now closed. The difficulties this lack presents to anyone without external plumbing should be obvious to everyone (except, apparently, our councillors). The portacabins sited at the Pavilion and the ex Tourist Information building are wholly inadequate to pick up the slack.
The tory government has so many ministers that think disabled and poor people shouldn't have rights, that one could only hope Weymouth council would take a stand against this.

The town is inherently racist and I'm very keen to move somewhere with a more cosmopolitan and inclusive attitude.
There are many people in the community deserving of the above considerations but there are probably a greater number who seek to take advantage for their own ends. The law abiding tax paying citizen is no longer on these lists. Maybe once that has been levelled we will start to make progress.
There could be rules that parties put forward so many female candidates as male candidates. Also an equal amount of under 35s to over 35s.
There should be one councillor per family. This would prevent, what is seen as the domination of local politics by one family. This currently happens in the Preston ward, however, this has also been seen to happen in the Westham ward in the past
These matters should be, and are, the responsibility of other authorities and any Town Council should not have to duplicate these.
THEY NEED TO BE FAR MORE ACCOUNTABLE
They should not let their personal feeling impact upon their council decisions as they have with the ridiculous dog ban on the beach - the result of the vote was in favour to leave it as it was but no they had to put their personal opinions into the pot and go against the majority decision which is very detrimental to the town and it's businesses
To deal positively with regard to the homeless they still have human rights
Travellers to pay parking fees and clean up after themselves.
Try to get some younger people onto the council.
We accept a small council may make it a little more difficult to secure adequately diverse representation. However, that is a challenge the Weymouth political parties will have to meet in selecting candidates.
We have a huge population in this area for its size which means that there are issues of food poverty, homelessness, an aging population and lack of jobs. All these aspects need to be focused on.
Weymouth and Portland are hugely deprived areas that need extra input a huge council may mask this and show instead of a population of 75,000 with a big problem to an area with a population of 200, 000 with a manageable one
Weymouth has the lowest wage in the country and one of the highest council taxes if not the highest. An additional town council precept will impact those already struggling to make ends meet
weymouth scores poorly on social mobility, average wages and deprivation yet has one of the highest council tax rates in England. How will a new council address this?
What a load of rubbish everybody should be treated as an individual and all with the same equalities and rights. MAKE SURE ALL RESIDENTS ARE TREATED THE SAME WITH NO FAVOURS TO THE SO CALLED MINORITIES
What about the needs of the homeless in Weymouth? When are their Equal Rights to a permanent home addressed?
What effect would it have at all?

What the hell has this to do with local government. Get asses in gear and look after our infrastructure and services to the residents of Weymouth. Fed up with all this crap about human rights. Just focus on the job.
Whatever the rules are
why not get the homeless into a flat or out of Weymouth
Why should I believe that the councilors I will be electing at county level will be any less carrying than those we have at present at town level.
Work on getting drug's out of the town
YES and NO
Yes I would not like to see Weymouth become an Islamic stronghold. Prisoners should be transferred to where they were born three months before their release.
Yes, what about having a May Day Pride event to encourage 'Pink Pound' tourism.

Appendix 2

Consultation form (online only)

FutureWeymouth



Weymouth & Portland

Following consultation over the summer, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council has now considered the next stage of the Community Governance Process looking at creating a town council for Weymouth.

Councillors considered the responses received as part of the comprehensive public engagement programme over the summer. We are now looking for people's views on the draft recommendations for a town council. The consultation will run until 12 January 2018.

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- The first election to the proposed new parish council to be in 2019 and then every fourth year thereafter.
- The number of councillors to be elected to the proposed new Parish Council (Council size) will be 29.
- The proposed new parish will be divided into 12 wards for the purposes of electing councillors.
- The boundaries of the wards of the proposed new town council will follow the boundaries of the borough council's wards.
- The name of the proposed wards and the number of councillors to be elected to the proposed wards will replicate that of the existing Weymouth borough wards.

Please read the full supporting information (available at futureweymouth.co.uk) which explains the proposals and process in more detail.

About you

Are you responding as:

a Weymouth resident (please give your postcode)

a representative of an organisation (please give further details)

a representative of a local business (please give the name of your business) ⁴¹ a
resident from outside Weymouth

Your postcode

Please include **the name of your organisation and any specific group or department**.
Please also tell us who the organisation represents, what area the organisation covers and
how you gathered the views of the members.

Your business name

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- The number of councillors to be elected to the proposed new Parish Council (Council size) will be 29.
- The proposed new parish will be divided into 12 wards for the purposes of electing councillors.
- The boundaries of the wards of the proposed new town council will follow the boundaries of the borough council's wards.
- The name of the proposed wards and the number of councillors to be elected to the proposed wards will replicate that of the existing Weymouth borough wards.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal:

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree no disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

If you have any comment about the proposals, please let us know:

Considering Equalities and Human Rights

The council have a duty to take into account the impact of their decisions on human rights and people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation)

Are there any positive and negative impacts that you believe the council should take into account in relation to equalities or human rights? If so, are you able to provide any supporting evidence and suggest any ways in which the organisation could remove any potential negative impacts and increase any positive impacts

Information about you

If you are providing a **personal response** please answer the questions below. The council have a duty to promote equality and we want to make sure we include all parts of the community in our consultation, but these questions are optional.

What was your age on your last birthday?

- Under 16
- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 or over
- Prefer not to say

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

- White
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- Asian or Asian British
- Black, African, Caribbean or Black British
- Any other ethnic group (please specify)
- Prefer not to say
- Please specify other ethnic group

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking part in our consultation. Please click submit