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Average Time

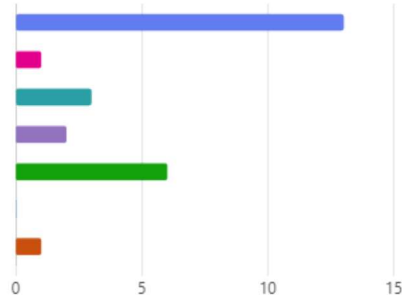
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Duration

96 Days 

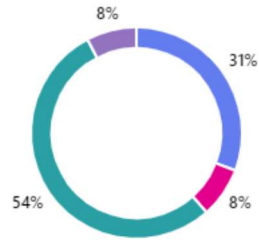
1. How would you describe your employment status?

● Employed - Full time	13
● Employed - Part time	1
● Self-employed - Full time	3
● Self-employed - Part time	2
● Retired	6
● Other	0
● Prefer not to say	1



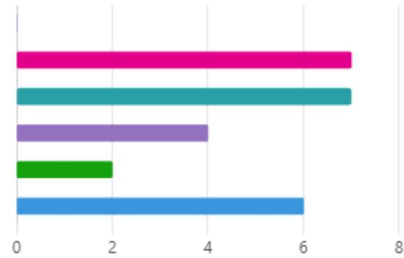
2. Do you have any caring responsibilities?

● Yes - Childcare	8
● Yes - Caring for one or more adults	2
● No	14
● Prefer not to say	2



3. Overall, how many hours do you estimate that you spend in your role as a District Councillor, on average, per week? (including District meetings, Town/ Parish meetings, case work, etc.)

● Less than an hour	0
● 1-5 hours	7
● 6-10 hours	7
● 11-15 hours	4
● 16-20 hours	2
● More than 20	6



4. How many hours per week do you estimate that you spend on the following responsibilities?

- N/A
- Less than an hour
- 1-3 hours
- 4-6 hours
- 7-9 hours
- 10 or more hours

Ward member work including case work, correspondence, engaging Town or Parish Councils, responding to planning...
 Special responsibilities e.g. Executive Member, Chair, Group Leader

Attending formal and informal District Council meetings

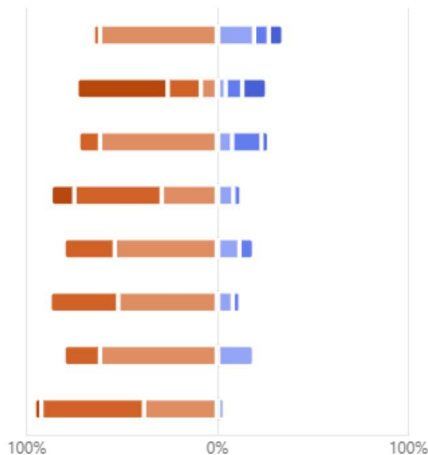
Attending meeting of outside bodies

Reading reports

Political work, including campaigning and group/ party meetings

General correspondence e.g. through email

Travelling



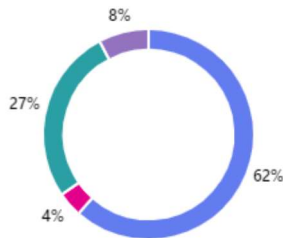
5. When were you first elected as a District Councillor? If you've had a break, please enter the date you were elected for the first time.

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 "2012-05-03"
 "2024-05-02"
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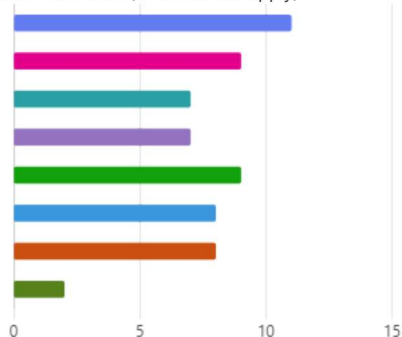
6. Since you first became a Councillor, would you say that the workload has increased, decreased or broadly stayed the same?

- Increased 16
- Decreased 1
- Broadly stayed the same 7
- Unsure 2



7. If your workload has increased, what would you say that the driver behind this increase has been? (select all that apply)

- Ward member work including case work, correspondence, engaging Town or Parish Councils,... 11
- Work associated with special responsibilities, e.g. Executive Member, Chair, Group Leader 9
- Attending formal and informal District Council meetings 7
- Attending meeting of outside bodies 7
- Reading reports 9
- Political work, including campaigning and group/ party meetings 8
- General correspondence e.g. through email 8
- Travelling 2



8. If your workload has decreased, what would you say that the driver behind this decrease has been? (select all that apply)

- Ward member work including case work, correspondence, engaging Town or Parish Councils,... 0
- Work associated with special responsibilities e.g. Executive Member, Chair, Group Leader 1
- Attending formal and informal District Council meetings 0
- Attending meeting of outside bodies 1
- Reading reports 0
- Political work, including campaigning and group/party meetings 1
- General correspondence e.g. through email 0
- Travelling 0



9. Is there anything you would like to say about your workload as a councillor?

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 "Reduced scrutiny has reduced accountability"
 "I expected it, but it must be a barrier to some good people"
 ...

9 respondents (50%) answered time for this question.



10. How many town / parish or community meetings do you regularly engage with?

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 "4"
 "One - but a big one with multiple meetings"
 "2"
 ...

4 respondents (16%) answered 4 for this question.



11. How comfortable are you with your workload as a Councillor?

Promoters	2
Passives	11
Detractors	13



12. What are the challenges (if any) you face in managing your workload?

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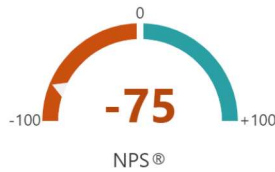
"Meeting that clash with other authority meetings...because nobody checks at sta..."
 "Paying the bills. It is a full-time job with part-time remuneration. I work over hour..."
 "Not particularly relevant to this, but since you asked - The IT system! Constantly b..."
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6 respondents (30%) answered work for this question.



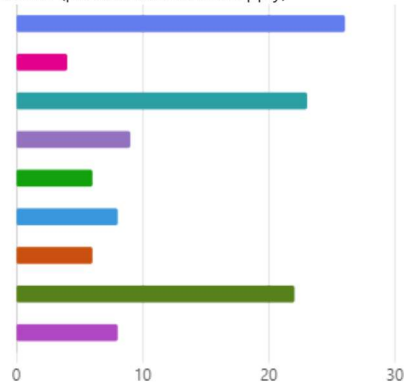
13. How comfortable would you be with your workload as a councillor if your workload was to increase by 10%?

Promoters	2
Passives	2
Detractors	20



14. In which ways do you engage with residents and the communities you represent? (please select all that apply)

Email	26
Letter	4
Telephone	23
Social media/ blogs	9
Surgeries	6
Holding public meetings	8
Instant messaging	6
Doorstep/ face to face	22
Other	8



15. How comfortable are you with the size of the ward you represent?

Promoters	11
Passives	9
Detractors	6



16. Please tell us about any issues related to the size of your ward.

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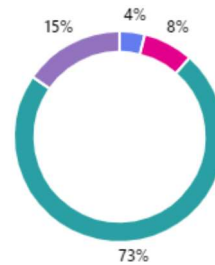
"It is a sensible and coherent handful of communities, and it makes sense to those..."

6 respondents (40%) answered ward for this question.



17. Thinking about the responsibilities and workload of a Councillor and the functions of the Council, do you think the size of West Oxfordshire District Council (49 Councillors) should be increased, decreased or stay the same?

More Councillors	1
Fewer Councillors	2
The same numbers of Councillors (49)	19
Not sure	4



18. Is there anything else you would like to say about your workload as a Councillor or the size of the Council?

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"Paperwork arriving too near meetings doesn't allow for quality reading and rese..."
"It feels about right, though I question the 3,2,1 member ward thing. I recommend..."

4 respondents (31%) answered Councillor for this question.



19. Linked to the district boundary review, the Council will need to decide whether to continue to hold elections by thirds but with a uniform pattern of 3-Member wards across the whole district (with some very large rural wards), or all-out elections every four years with a mix of 1, 2 and 3-Member wards. The status quo is not an option that is available to the Council. Do you have a preference at this stage as to what electoral cycle the Council should operate from 2027 onwards?



20. Please provide details of any other issues you are aware of related to the ward boundaries within the district which you would like to see addressed as part of the boundary review.

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"Need to be careful that we don't draw the lines on political catchment"
 "Wherever possible, natural communities should be the basis for wards. This might..."
 ...

10 respondents (67%) answered wards for this question.

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