Isles of Scilly

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I agree that the single ward is correct for St Mary's because it is a single community but I believe we should return to two Members for each of the off-islands. I understand that in the past there have been occasion where positions have not been filled and I think this is a reflection of many people's negative attitudes towards our failing pseudo-democracy on a national scale.
However, those in charge should not cave in to this negativity. They should ask why people are not standing and strive to overcome this by being better. While I know the long wait for PR and the inevitable abolition of the House of Lords is still some way off on a national level, there ought to be no barriers to improving our democracy at a local level and this begins by simply encouraging more people to get involved and that means creating or increasing the opportunities to do so. There are too many people on too many committees owing to our small numbers here on the Isles of Scilly and so a small increase in the number of Councillors - to what it was before - would help to alleviate this issue and I say it is incumbent upon all Members of Council and the Chief Executive's Office to do all they can - which at present is practically nothing - to actively encourage greater participation in local governance.

Attached Documents:

None attached