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The move to one councillor per ward is welcomed, providing that elected councillor resides within that ward, so they may have some idea as to what the ward issues are. For six years Brimbank enjoyed good and fair governance with a panel of three appointed administrators. Now after eight years with elected

councillors we have a group of eleven, some of whom who are scared to face the public where the questions can be without notice. The basic problem for Brimbank is the built-in gerrymander with five wards. The north with only five votes and the south with six. Until this is fixed Brimbank will never be governed

fairly. I suggest a four-ward system with an equal number of voters for each. This will require boundary changes to even up the voters. Call the wards whatever, it is not important. Four fair minded councillors paid well should be able to run Brimbank better than with the current setup.

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