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Ways to conduct upcoming council meetings

Since nearly a year, the council has conducted all its meetings online through Zoom. It's had both pros and cons. Since most restrictions due to covid-19 has been lifted, it's time to decide if we should go back to physical meetings.

There are some advantages with having meetings online:

- The attendance at the Fullmäktige meetings is better than for many, many years since we started having meetings on Zoom. Before that, it wasn't unusual for Fullmäktige meetings to be cancelled or barely being able to be held due to poor attendance. Of course there can be several reasons for this, but I think a big part is that it is easier than ever for members to participate, when not needing to travel to the meeting and maybe even being able to attend even when they feel a bit unwell.
- The transmission of covid 19 is still rather high. Even though most restrictions are lifted, it doesn't mean we can't be responsible and take precautions to prevent people from getting sick. We may be around 60 people in this meeting, and there is a risk for 60 people to sit in the same room for several hours, especially with the easily transmissible omicron variant.
- It might be easier to keep order on Zoom meetings and easier to hear what everybody is saying, since all others can be muted and you can even mute somebody who doesn't follow the rules for speaking.
- No food must be arranged and there is no need to put any meeting room in order and no cleaning up afterwards.

But there are also advantages with having physical meetings:

- Most people think it's nicer to meet each other in person.
- It might be easier to conduct a debate in the council when you have the person you're debating against you in the same room. Perhaps people are also nicer to each other.
- It's easier to get to know other council members when you can more easily chat with them before and after the meeting and during breaks.

It's up to the council to decide in what way it wants its meeting to be held – online, physical meeting, some meetings online and some physical or if it should be possible to participate either online or at a physical meeting.

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