

Gateshead

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Gateshead has very high number of councillors per capita. No attempt made to cut costs of councillors despite reducing services for financial reasons
Having 3 per ward disproportionately over represents some parties because of the demographic concentration of partisan votes in certain areas. This reduces effective opposition
Upcoming combined authority should reduce need for councillors due to economies of scale for services provided across boroughs.
Anecdotally it is said that non political council employees are hampered doing their roles by a large number of councillors all of whom want an input to everyday decisions. A slimmed down elected council should prevent this cause of inertia.

Attached Documents:

None attached