

Gateshead

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I'd like to point out that, although instructed to bring this to the attention of local residents, the sitting Labour council hasn't done this. It was through opposition councillors that I found out about this. I feel this lack of advertising will hinder the public from giving their points of view.

I believe there should be fewer councillors. The council has cut services (yet increased council tax consistently at 4.99% annually, the most they can do so without a referendum), so I struggle to see with such cuts and high council tax that so many councillors are still warranted. I believe they are not warranted. As the council plans to get rid of leisure facilities such as Gateshead Leisure Centre and already has got rid of many basic services such as routine grass cutting, the number of councillors can be reduced as the work isn't there to be talked about or managed. I live on a newly developed area of properties whereby residents pay a local management company to manage parts of the infrastructure such as drainage and road surfaces. As more of these arrangements come into existence, the council has less responsibility, and less need to raise council tax, especially without consultation or a referendum.

Attached Documents:

None attached