

Gateshead

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If Gateshead Council are cutting back on services why cannot they cut back on Councillors as well. Why do Gateshead need 66 Councillors when the national average appears to be around 40.

A lot of fundamental services have disappeared over recent years yet each year our Council Tax rises and each year the Council blames the Government for the rise. Surely the first action of the Council should be to see how they themselves can save money and cut back and that would be to reduce the number of Councillors just as the private sector would reduce staffing.

Gateshead Council want to close Leisure Centres but at the same time express concerns over residents not getting enough exercise and being overweight. Newcastle Council applied for funding to build a new leisure centre which has recently been completed. Gateshead Council apparently didn't bother applying for funding.

Gateshead Council seem to be able to waste money without accountability i.e. a new car park which was not needed and rarely used, change of use of the flyover into cycle lane only which had to be quickly reversed. Yet they proposed to stop winter gritting roads, get rid of dog wardens, stop some environmental services like road sweeping and weed killing.

I have always lived in the same area of Gateshead and was once proud of where I lived but to see how run down and unkempt it has become makes me now ashamed.

Attached Documents:

None attached