

Gateshead

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Related subject: Number of councillors

We are constantly being told by Gateshead council that services have to be cut to "balance the books". The areas of the borough are looking increasingly untidy due to grass verges not being cut, vegetation growing through pavements etc.. Despite the reduction in services, they are still more than happy to have 66 councillors which are obviously needed to be funded. I understand from local media that the councils of much larger cities, such as Leeds (Approx 8000) and Manchester (approx 5700), have significantly more residents per councillor than Gateshead (approx 2900). This number of councillors does not seem appropriate for a borough of Gateshead's size.

Attached Documents:

None attached