

Gateshead

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Related subject: Number of Councillors

I disagree that the number of Councillors should remain at 66, I think it should be reduced to 44.

I am aware that as a resident of Gateshead I pay more council tax than people who live in £8 million houses in London and receive fewer resources (reduced bin collections, reduced street sweeping, reduced grass cutting, garden bin collections no longer free, fly tippers not pursued, some libraries run by the community, leisure centres closed) but I understand this is due to years of central government cuts in funding for local councils. Gateshead has an adult social care spend that it has to fund somehow.

However, staff at Gateshead Council have been repeatedly cut due to reduced central government funding. I know this because I've worked for the Council for over 20 years and have been through several service reviews.

Sadly, I believe that it is now the time to reduce the number of Councillors.

I agree with the proposed boundary changes.

Attached Documents:

None attached