

Gateshead

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Gateshead Council needs to keep all of its Councillors, thirteen years of cuts to the Council's budget, coupled with the Cost of Living Crisis, has hit Gateshead's residents hard. Councillors are seeing a greater workload than ever before, as the number of residents in need of help and support has grown enormously.

Gateshead Council is also considering becoming a member of a proposed new Mayoral Combined Authority, which will bring with it various scrutiny roles to hold the new Executive to account, again increasing the workload of councillors.

We are proud that in Gateshead standing for public office is accessible, and so our Council is representative of the wider public. An increase in workload is pushing the role of a local councillor into a full time job, making it more difficult for those with young families, caring responsibilities and full time jobs to be a representative of the community.

Attached Documents:

None attached