

Gateshead

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I disagree with the premise that the number of Councillors need to be reduced, i must say i find it very disappointing that the Group who have proposed this have used this in Local Election material purely to gain Political advantage, reducing the number of Councillors will have a detrimental effect on the ability of the Public to be adequately represented.

As a consequence of years of austerity, the Cost of Living Crisis and the aftermath of the Pandemic Councillors case work has increased and the needs of the Community are higher than ever before.

A Number of Councillors help with and even run food banks, homelessness and poverty are at an all time high and the work Councillors do out in the Community via School Governorships and helping Community and Church Groups is also a larger part of the work than before.

Add to all of this the imminent creation of a Mayoral Authority and the need to provide representation to that then the time Councillors have for everything else will be strained either by being part of the Combined Authority directly or by picking up part of their workload.

I know you only deal in facts so apologies for my opening comments however i feel it only right to contextualise this as it would appear that the reason for the consultation is what i would consider a disingenuous response.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.
Kevin

Attached Documents:

None attached