

Gateshead

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Related subject: Number of Councillors in Gateshead

As a Gateshead resident, I feel that the Council should be reduced from 66 Councillors to 44 (that is, 2 per ward instead of the present 3). I believe this would save money from both fewer Councillors needing to be remunerated and the need for less frequent elections. It is also patently unfair that Gateshead residents should have to finance so many Councillors through their council tax, already one of the highest in the country, when 34 of the other 35 Metropolitan Districts have a much fairer ratio of residents to each councillor. South Tyneside is the only one worse off than Gateshead in this respect - strange that they are both in the same geographic area, historically the least well-off region of England. The argument that fewer Councillors would mean it would be more difficult to carry out Council business does not "hold water", as ten of the present Metropolitan Districts have fewer than 60 Councillors and still seem able to get their business completed.

Attached Documents:

None attached