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Related subject: Council's Tyne and Wear review

Whilst I agree the number of councillors should be reduced, I do not believe the proposals go far enough. There should be a full review of the whole structure of local government on Tyneside. Currently there are four councils, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside and South Tyneside, all have relatively small population sizes. I believe abolishing the current councils and replacing with one council covering all four Tyneside areas (which would be similar in size to Leeds council) would provide better value to council tax payers by reducing costs to manage council infrastructure and services, and would improve services.

To use public transport as one example where services should be improved Most people travel regularly across Tyneside areas both to commute and for leisure, however bus services and fares are often based on council areas resulting in routes which do not meet the needs of the people, and higher fares than in most other areas of the country. A more holistic approach to transport in the region is long over due.

Attached Documents:

None attached