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Related subject: Allocation of funds and scrutiny of this allocation by the Councillors

I live on the periphery of the borough and feel that, apart from the normal services, such as refuse collection, we get very little else. A large amount of the budget appears to benefit inner Gateshead.

I would question how the Councillors determine these allocations and what follow up scrutiny they carry out on the departments as to how they then spend the funds.

For example, I have commented a number of times on how the Traffic Engineers of the Borough can justify the schemes they impose upon the public. Traffic calming measures everywhere, even if not necessary, seems to be their only reason for their existence.

Meanwhile the roads continue to deteriorate. I would add that surrounding councils do not spend anywhere near the amount on traffic humps etc. Any reasonable and intelligent person can see that deteriorating roads lead to accidents. I agree that some areas need traffic calming measures but a common sense approach is needed.

If we are to retain as many a Councillors, we as the public need some assurance that they feel a true responsibility towards the people they serve.

Attached Documents:

None attached