

Barnsley

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I think the wards should be made bigger and reduction in councillors. There are pockets of Barnsley where councillors influence local authorities officer, funding more than others location. A resident shouldn't receive a better service because of their councillor or because of the area they live. Every resident should receive the same service - equality.

Also there is a vast difference in knowledge, skills and qualifications of councillors which greatly influences their approach and their abilities to challenge actions.

A much fair process needs to be developed where councillors approach a triaging team when approaching services so there is no direct influence and to ensure transparency and that every resident is receiving the same service regardless of the location of their home. If this transparency was adopted it would mean not as many councillors were needed and that there was no wards that got preferential treatment just because their councillor directly approached officers.

The role of the councillor should also enquire that there is a standard of professional and knowledge so a course should need to be passed such as ones that are being introduced across many public sectors.

Attached Documents:

None attached