

Gateshead

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Some time ago, I became aware that Gateshead's council tax rates were amongst the highest in the country. Gateshead's high level of socio-economic deprivation is renowned, and for residents to be saddled with high council tax rates seemed very unjust. Subsequently, information has become available about the number of councillors per head of the population in Gateshead, which is also amongst the highest in the country.

The current cost of living crisis is forcing people to look at their budgets and the services they receive from Gateshead Council. Whilst I'm a supporter of the council, it seems disproportionate to have more councillors than many other densely populated areas. Council tax must be being used to pay councillors as well as provide services and with less councillors, a greater proportion of the budget can be used to support residents.

It does not look justified or appropriate in the current economic climate to be paying for more councillors than other similar areas need.

Attached Documents:

None attached