

# Gateshead

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**Related subject:** The Local Government Boundary Commission England - Gateshead MBC.

The size of Gateshead Council Councillors needs to be urgently reviewed with a priority of making it more efficient. Currently, there are too many Councillors, which is costing residents of Gateshead hundreds of £000's. Gateshead has one of the highest Council Taxes in the Country, yet the amount of advised cutbacks the residents are being subjected too are disproportionate to our Council Tax charge. Gateshead Council needs to make better use of funding received by reducing its unnecessary overheads in,

- 1) too many autocratic Councillors incorporating too many 'layers'
- 2) under used / single use Council buildings
- 3) embracing & implementing technology quicker
- 4) an outdated expenses policy
- 5) conflicting priorities which is leading to 'wasting' central funds.

If this was most other businesses, cost control efficiencies would have been implemented years ago, but as the saying goes, it's tantamount to "turkey's voting for Christmas". External intervention appears to be required to ensure Gateshead residents receive value for money, - which currently we are not!

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*