



COUNCIL MEETING

17 DECEMBER 2015

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor R Beadle will move the following motion:

“Council notes with regret the decision of the Open University to close its Gateshead centre along with six others despite the opposition of its own Senate.

Council believes that the OU centre in Gateshead is important in encouraging non-traditional students to take up Higher Education opportunities in a region with historically low levels of attainment. The Council is also concerned at the potential loss of skilled jobs from the Borough.

Council calls on the Boroughs MPs to write to the Vice-Chancellor of the Open University to oppose these plans.

Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Vice-Chancellor of the Open University to ask what consultation in the region was undertaken by the OU, whether a regional impact assessment has been undertaken and whether any steps are proposed to mitigate the effects of this proposal on regional take up of Higher Education opportunities and to report back to Council on the reply”

Proposed: Councillor R Beadle

Seconded by: Councillor J Wallace
Supported by: Councillor J McClurey
Councillor F Hindle
Councillor M Ord