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Local Elections in England: 2 May 2002

This paper summarises the results of the local elections held in England on 2 May 2002. It includes a detailed analysis of the performance of the British National Party as well as summary information on election turnout in districts participating in experimental (pilot) electoral arrangements.

The results of mayoral elections held in seven local authorities on the same day are also summarised, as are the recent referenda on mayoral representation.

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Summary of main points

- On 2 May 2002, local elections were held in 174 local authority areas in England.
- All three major parties enjoyed significant gains but also suffered losses.
- The Conservatives won approximately 34% of the vote nationwide, compared to 32% Labour, 27% Liberal Democrat and 5% other parties.
- Turnout was higher than at recent local elections. A variety of experimental electoral schemes took place aimed at increasing turnout. All postal ballots were particularly successful.
- In addition, there were seven mayoral elections and five referenda on mayoral representation.
- Candidates from outside the major parties were elected mayor of two local authorities – Stuart Drumond, the former football club mascot “H’Angus the Monkey” in Hartlepool, and Raymond Mallon, dubbed “Robocop”, in Middlesbrough.
- The British National Party won three seats on Burnley district council.

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I Introduction

On 2 May 2002, local elections were held in 174 districts, metropolitan boroughs, London boroughs, and unitary authorities in England. There were also direct mayoral elections held in seven local authority districts, and referenda on future mayoral representation in five other districts.

Elections took place for:

- all of the council in 46 shire districts, which will subsequently revert to elections by thirds in 2003
- one-third of the council in 42 shire districts
- one-third of the council in each of the 36 metropolitan boroughs
- all of the council in all 32 London boroughs
- all of the council in 6 unitary authorities, which will revert to electing by thirds in 2003
- one-third of the council in 12 further unitary authorities

II Local elections

This paper is intended as a brief and immediate summary of the local elections and is largely based on press reports and data supplied by local authorities. The final compilation of the results, including details of votes cast, inevitably takes some time. These will be published later this year.¹

In some areas, there were major boundary changes and alterations to the number of seats. Furthermore, some of these authorities would typically hold elections by thirds but, because of the changes to boundaries, this year elected the whole council. They will revert to the cycle of electing by thirds in future years. In the case of authorities with significant boundary revisions, gains and losses illustrate changes in representation before and after the elections. Because of changes in the number of seats, the reported gains and losses do not necessarily sum to zero.

A. The results

Estimates suggest that the Conservatives won 34% of the vote nationwide, compared to 33% Labour, 27% Liberal Democrat and 5% for other parties. As elections did not take place in all areas, these figures are not indicative of possible General Election vote shares.

Turnout was estimated to be higher than at previous local elections, at around 34%.

¹ Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher *Local Elections Handbook 2002* (Local Government Chronicle Elections Centre, University of Plymouth)

The results of the 2002 local elections are summarised in the following tables. Areas with boundary changes are italicised throughout.

i Council control

The first three tables show the consequences of the elections in terms of council control. Table 1 details the results in each local authority where elections took place. Changes in control are summarised in the next two tables. Table 2 shows control of councils before and after the elections. Table 3 shows changes in council control by party.

In net terms, the Conservatives gained nine councils and the Liberal Democrats two, while Labour lost seven. Independent Kidderminster Hospital and Health Concern took Wyre Forest, with a residents group assuming control of Elmbridge, both from no overall control. All three major parties gained and lost councils.

Table 1

Local elections in England: 2 May 2002: Summary

Shire districts

Adur	Thirds	Conservative gain from NOC
Amber Valley	Thirds	Conservative hold
Barrow	Thirds	NOC - no change
<i>Basildon</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Basingstoke & Deane</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Bassetlaw</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Brentwood</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
Broadland	Thirds	Conservative hold
Broxbourne	Thirds	Conservative hold
<i>Burnley</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
Cambridge	Thirds	Lib Dem hold
<i>Cannock Chase</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
Carlisle	Thirds	Conservative hold
<i>Cheltenham</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem gain from Conservative</i>
<i>Cherwell</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
Chester	Thirds	NOC - no change
<i>Chorley</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Colchester</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
Congleton	Thirds	NOC - no change
<i>Craven</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
Crawley	Thirds	Labour hold
Crewe & Nantwich	Thirds	NOC - no change
Daventry	Thirds	NOC - no change
<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem gain from Conservative</i>
<i>Eastleigh</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
Ellesmere Port& Neston	Thirds	Labour hold
Elmbridge	Thirds	Residents gain from NOC
<i>Epping Forest</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
Exeter	Thirds	Labour hold
<i>Fareham</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>

Table 1 continued
Shire districts (continued)

<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Gosport</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Great Yarmouth</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Harlow</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Harrogate</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem lose to NOC</i>
<i>Hart</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Hastings</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Havant</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Hertsmere</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Huntingdonshire</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Hyndburn</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour gain from Conservative</i>
<i>Ipswich</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Macclesfield</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Maidstone</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Mole Valley</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Newcastle-Under-Lyme (b)</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>North Hertfordshire</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Norwich</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Lib Dem gain from Labour</i>
<i>Nuneaton & Bedworth</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Oxford</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour gain from NOC</i>
<i>Pendle</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Penwith</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Preston</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Purbeck</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Redditch</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Reigate & Banstead</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Rochford</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Rossendale</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour gain from Conservative</i>
<i>Rugby</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Runnymede</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Rushmoor</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>St Albans</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Shrewsbury & Atcham</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>South Bedfordshire</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>South Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>South Lakeland</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Stevenage</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Stratford-On-Avon</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Stroud</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Swale</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Tamworth</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Tandridge</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Three Rivers</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
<i>Tunbridge Wells</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Watford</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Waveney</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Welwyn Hatfield</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>Conservative gain from Labour</i>
<i>West Lancashire</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>West Lindsey</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>West Oxfordshire</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Weymouth & Portland</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Winchester</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
<i>Woking</i>	<i>Thirds</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>

Table 1 continued
Shire districts (continued)

Worcester	Thirds	NOC - no change
Worthing	Thirds	Lib Dem gain from Conservative
Wyre Forest	Thirds	Ind KHHC gain from NOC

Metropolitan boroughs

Barnsley	Thirds	Labour hold
Birmingham	Thirds	Labour hold
Bolton	Thirds	Labour hold
Bradford	Thirds	NOC - no change
Bury	Thirds	Labour hold
Calderdale	Thirds	Conservative lose to NOC
Coventry	Thirds	Labour hold
Doncaster	Thirds	Labour hold
Dudley	Thirds	Labour hold
Gateshead	Thirds	Labour hold
Kirklees	Thirds	NOC - no change
Knowsley	Thirds	Labour hold
Leeds	Thirds	Labour hold
Liverpool	Thirds	Lib Dem hold
Manchester	Thirds	Labour hold
Newcastle Upon Tyne	Thirds	Labour hold
North Tyneside	Thirds	Labour hold
Oldham	Thirds	Lib Dem lose to NOC
Rochdale	Thirds	Labour hold
Rotherham	Thirds	Labour hold
St Helens	Thirds	Labour hold
Salford	Thirds	Labour hold
Sandwell	Thirds	Labour hold
Sefton	Thirds	NOC - no change
Sheffield	Thirds	Lib Dem lose to NOC
Solihull	Thirds	Conservative hold
South Tyneside	Thirds	Labour hold
Stockport	Thirds	Lib Dem hold
Sunderland	Thirds	Labour hold
Tameside	Thirds	Labour hold
Trafford	Thirds	Labour hold
Wakefield	Thirds	Labour hold
Walsall	Thirds	NOC - no change
Wigan	Thirds	Labour hold
Wirral	Thirds	NOC - no change
Wolverhampton	Thirds	Labour hold

London boroughs

<i>Barking And Dagenham</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Barnet</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Bexley</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour gain from NOC</i>
<i>Brent</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Bromley</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Camden</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Croydon</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Ealing</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Enfield</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from Labour</i>

Table 1 continued
London boroughs (continued)

<i>Greenwich</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Hackney</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Hammersmith And Fulham</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Haringey</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Harrow</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Havering</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Hillingdon</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Hounslow</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Islington</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
<i>Kensington And Chelsea</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Kingston Upon Thames</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Lib Dem gain from NOC</i>
<i>Lambeth</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Lewisham</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Merton</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Newham</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Redbridge</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Richmond Upon Thames</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from Lib Dem</i>
<i>Southwark</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Sutton</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Lib Dem hold</i>
<i>Tower Hamlets</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Waltham Forest</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Wandsworth</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Westminster</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>

Unitaries

<i>Blackburn With Darwen</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Bristol</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Derby</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Halton</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Hartlepool</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Kingston-Upon-Hull</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Milton Keynes</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Lib Dem gain from NOC</i>
<i>Peterborough</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>
<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Slough</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Southampton</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Southend On Sea</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative hold</i>
<i>Stoke-On-Trent</i>	<i>Whole council (a)</i>	<i>Labour lose to NOC</i>
<i>Swindon</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>NOC - no change</i>
<i>Thurrock</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Warrington</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Labour hold</i>
<i>Wokingham</i>	<i>Whole council</i>	<i>Conservative gain from NOC</i>

(a) Whole council elected, but reverting to thirds from 2003

(b) Labour control Newcastle-upon-Tyne with a majority of 1, with 3 seats vacant

Table 2

Changes in council control: summary

		From:					Total post-elections
		Con	Lab	LD	Oth	NOC	
To:	Con	27	2	1	0	12	42
	Lab	2	60	0	0	2	64
	LD	3	1	9	0	2	15
	Oth	0	0	0	0	2	2
	NOC	1	8	3	0	39	51
Total pre-elections:		33	71	13	0	57	174

Table 3

Council control changes: summary by party

Conservative Net gain 9 councils		Labour Net loss 7 councils	
Gains (15)	Losses (6)	Gains (4)	Losses (11)
from Labour (2)	to Labour (2)	from Conservative (2)	to Conservative (2)
<i>Enfield</i>	<i>Hyndburn</i>	<i>Hyndburn</i>	<i>Enfield</i>
<i>Welwyn Hatfield</i>	<i>Rossendale</i>	<i>Rossendale</i>	<i>Welwyn Hatfield</i>
from Lib Dem (1)	to Lib Dem (3)	from NOC (2)	to Lib Dem (1)
<i>Richmond Upon Thames</i>	<i>Cheltenham</i>	<i>Bexley</i>	<i>Norwich</i>
from NOC (12)	<i>Eastbourne</i>	<i>Oxford</i>	to NOC (8)
<i>Adur</i>	<i>Worthing</i>		<i>Harlow</i>
<i>Barnet</i>	to NOC (1)		<i>Harrow</i>
<i>Hart</i>	<i>Calderdale</i>		<i>Kingston-Upon-Hull</i>
<i>Havant</i>			<i>Lambeth</i>
<i>Peterborough</i>			<i>Redditch</i>
<i>Redbridge</i>			<i>Stoke-On-Trent</i>
<i>Rochford</i>			<i>Waltham Forest</i>
<i>Shrewsbury & Atcham</i>			<i>Waveney</i>
<i>Stroud</i>			
<i>Swale</i>			
<i>West Lancashire</i>			
<i>Wokingham</i>			
Others Gained 2 councils		Liberal Democrat Net gain 2 councils	
Gains (2)		Gains (6)	Losses (4)
Residents from NOC (1)		from Conservative (3)	to Conservative (3)
<i>Elmbridge</i>		<i>Cheltenham</i>	<i>Richmond Upon Thames</i>
		<i>Eastbourne</i>	to NOC (3)
		<i>Worthing</i>	<i>Harrogate</i>
		from Labour (1)	<i>Oldham</i>
		<i>Norwich</i>	<i>Sheffield</i>
		from NOC (2)	
		<i>Kingston Upon Thames</i>	
		<i>Milton Keynes</i>	

ii Council seats

The following table summarises the local election results in terms of seats. Those seats won at the elections, and changes compared to the pre-elections position are both shown by party. Again, authorities where boundary changes have taken place are italicised.

Labour won approximately 2,400 seats nationally, double the Liberal Democrat total and 400 more than the Conservatives. The Conservatives increased their representation by approximately 240 seats relative to their situation before the election. Labour now have around 335 fewer councillors.

Table 4

Seats won on 2 May 2002: summary

	Seats won				Seats changing hands			
	Con	Lab	LD	Oth	Con	Lab	LD	Oth
Shire districts								
<i>Adur</i>	9	4		1	+5	-1	-4	
<i>Amber Valley</i>	4	12		1	-6	+7		-1
<i>Barrow-in-Furness</i>	4	8		1	-1	+1		
Basildon	21	18	3		+2	-1	-1	
Basingstoke & Deane	25	15	17	3			+2	1
Bassetlaw	16	28	3	1	+2	-3		-1
Bedford	25	14	11	4	+18	-4	-5	-8
Brentwood	14	2	20	1	+3		-4	-1
<i>Broadland</i>	9	1	4	3	+1	-1	+1	-1
<i>Broxbourne</i>	14	1		1				
Burnley	4	27	8	6	+1	+2	-1	-5
<i>Cambridge</i>	1	5	9		-1	+1	+1	-1
Cannock Chase	9	23	9		+1	-4	+2	
<i>Carlisle</i>	7	8	2		-2	+2		
Cheltenham	13	2	21	4	-10		+10	-1
Cherwell	37	11	2		+4	-1	-2	-3
<i>Chester</i>	7	8	6			-1	+1	
Chorley	16	22	6	3	+1	-2	-1	1
Colchester	24	6	26	4	+3	-8	+2	3
<i>Congleton</i>	12	1	4		+8	+1	-8	-1
Craven	13		9	8	-4		+4	-4
<i>Crawley</i>	3	7	1		+1	-1		
<i>Crewe & Nantwich</i>	9	9	1	3	+1	-3		2
<i>Daventry</i>	12			1	+6	-4	-2	
Eastbourne	12		15		-6		+3	
Eastleigh	9	4	31			-2	+2	
<i>Ellesmere Port & Neston</i>	4	9	1		+2	-3	+1	
<i>Elmbridge</i>	6		2	12	-2		-1	3
Epping Forest	26	9	13	10	+6	-3	-3	-1
<i>Exeter</i>	1	7	4	1				
Fareham	17		14		-12	-2	+3	
Gloucester	14	12	10		+2	-7	+3	-1
Gosport	10	12	12		-3		+7	
<i>Great Yarmouth</i>	7	9			+1	-1		
Harlow	12	9	12		+4	-16	+4	-1

Table 4 continued

	Seats won				Seats changing hands			
	Con	Lab	LD	Oth	Con	Lab	LD	Oth
Shire districts continued								
Harrogate	26		27	1	+7	-1	-12	1
Hart	22		10	3	+6		-3	-3
Hastings	10	21	1		+4	+3	-7	
Havant	23	6	9		+3	-2	-2	-3
<i>Hertsmere</i>	7	4	4		+2	-1		-1
<i>Huntingdonshire</i>	12		5	1				
Hyndburn	17	18			-12			
Ipswich	9	35	4		-4	+3	+1	
<i>Lincoln</i>	2	9			+2	-2		
<i>Macclesfield</i>	12	3	4	2	-1			1
Maidstone	19	12	21	3	+3		-1	-2
<i>Mole Valley</i>	5		6	3	-1		+1	
Newcastle-under-Lyme	10	29	18		+1	-1	+5	-1
<i>North Hertfordshire</i>	9	7	2		+1	-2	+1	
<i>Norwich</i>		5	10	2		-7	+5	2
Nuneaton & Bedworth	8	26			-2	-9		
Oxford		29	15	4	-1	+8	-6	-4
Pendle	11	19	19		+2	-3	-1	
<i>Penwith</i>	2	1	6	2			+2	-2
Preston	19	25	11	2	+2		+1	-3
<i>Purbeck</i>	4		1	3				
<i>Redditch</i>	5	4	2		+2	-3	+1	
<i>Reigate & Banstead</i>	12	1	2	2		-2	+2	
Rochford	28	4	4	3	+9	-5	-5	
Rossendale	12	24			-12	+12		
Rugby	18	16	10	4	+3	-2		-1
<i>Runnymede</i>	12	2		2	-1	+1		
Rushmoor	25	6	10	1	+1	-4		
<i>St Albans</i>	8	7	6		+3		-3	
Shrewsbury & Atcham	22	9	6	3	+6	-9	-4	-1
South Bedfordshire	28	7	15		-2	+1	+2	-4
<i>South Cambridgeshire</i>	6	3	6	3	+1	+1	+1	-1
<i>South Lakeland</i>	2	6	9	1	+1			-1
<i>Stevenage</i>	1	11	1					
Stratford-on-Avon	27	2	21	3	-1		+2	-3
Stroud	29	12	4	6	+5	-6	-1	-2
Swale	25	10	12		+10	-2	-10	
Tamworth	8	22			-5	+5		
<i>Tandridge</i>	11		3					
<i>Three Rivers</i>	6	1	10					
Tunbridge Wells	34	3	11		+3	-2		-1
<i>Watford</i>	2	4	6		+1	-3	+3	-1
Waveney	21	21	3	3	+6	-6		
<i>Welwyn Hatfield</i>	11	6			+3	-3		
West Lancashire	30	24			+7	-1		-7
<i>West Lindsey</i>	8	1	2	1	+4		-3	-1
West Oxfordshire	30	1	9	9	+5	-1	-4	
<i>Weymouth & Portland</i>	1	6	4	1	+1			-1
Winchester	14	3	35	5	+3	-1		
<i>Woking</i>	6	1	6		+1		-1	
<i>Worcester</i>	6	4	1	1	+3	-3		
<i>Worthing</i>	5		7		-3		+3	
<i>Wyre Forest</i>	3	1	2	7	+1	-5	-1	5
Shire district totals	1,109	774	656	149	92	-106	-20	-54

Table 4 continued

	Seats won				Seats changing hands			
	Con	Lab	LD	Oth	Con	Lab	LD	Oth
Metropolitan boroughs								
Barnsley	1	17		4	+1	-3		2
Birmingham	11	24	5		+4	-1	-2	-1
Bolton	5	12	4		+1	-3	+2	
Bradford	11	14	4	1	+2	-1	+1	-2
Bury	3	12	1		-1	+1		
Calderdale	6	7	5		-3	+3		
Coventry	7	10		1	+4	-4		
Doncaster	3	14	3	2	+1	+1		-2
Dudley	9	11	4		+6	-6		
Gateshead		16	6			-1	+1	
Kirklees	4	10	9	2		+1	-1	
Knowsley		19	3			-3	+3	
Leeds	7	19	5	2	+2	-4	+1	1
Liverpool		14	20	1		+6	-6	
Manchester		28	6			+1	-1	
Newcastle upon Tyne		18	8			-3	+3	
North Tyneside	7	10	3		+2	-1	-1	
Oldham		14	6			+4	-2	-2
Rochdale	2	12	7					
Rotherham	1	21		1				
St Helens	2	11	5		+1	-1		
Salford		18	2		-1		+1	
Sandwell	3	19	2		+1	+1	-1	-1
Sefton	4	10	6		-2	+3	-4	3
Sheffield		19	10			+7	-5	-2
Solihull	9	5	3			-1	+1	
South Tyneside		17	2	1				
Stockport	3	6	11	1	+2	-2		
Sunderland	3	21	1		+1	-1		
Tameside	2	15	1	1		-1		1
Trafford	9	11	1		+1	-1		
Wakefield	1	19	1	1	+1	-1	+1	-1
Walsall	6	12	2		-1	+1		
Wigan	1	20	1	2	+1	-4	+1	2
Wirral	6	11	5			-1	+2	-1
Wolverhampton	5	14	1		-1	+1		
Metropolitan bor. totals	131	530	153	20	22	-13	-6	-3
London boroughs								
<i>Barking & Dagenham</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>+2</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>+2</i>	
<i>Barnet</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>+5</i>	<i>-2</i>		
<i>Bexley</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>-1</i>	<i>+8</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>Brent</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>9</i>			<i>-8</i>	<i>+5</i>	
<i>Bromley</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>13</i>		<i>+9</i>		<i>-9</i>	
<i>Camden</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>8</i>			<i>-7</i>	<i>+2</i>	
<i>Croydon</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>+2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-1</i>	
<i>Ealing</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>+1</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>+1</i>	
<i>Enfield</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>24</i>			<i>+16</i>	<i>-17</i>		<i>-2</i>
<i>Greenwich</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>+1</i>	<i>-14</i>	<i>+2</i>	
<i>Hackney</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>-2</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>-12</i>	<i>-2</i>
<i>Hammersmith & Fulham</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>28</i>			<i>+4</i>	<i>-7</i>		<i>-1</i>

Table 4 continued

	Seats won				Seats changing hands			
	Con	Lab	LD	Oth	Con	Lab	LD	Oth
London boroughs continued								
<i>Haringey</i>	2	54	3		-2	-12	+12	
<i>Harrow</i>	29	31	3		+9	-1	-6	-2
<i>Havering</i>	26	9	1	18	+14	-21	-2	
<i>Hillingdon</i>	31	27	7		-2	-5	+3	
<i>Hounslow</i>	15	36	5	4	+4	-8	+1	3
<i>Islington</i>		10	38			-15	+11	
<i>Kensington & Chelsea</i>	42	12			+3	-3		
<i>Kingston upon Thames</i>	15	3	30		-3	-7	+11	-3
<i>Lambeth</i>	7	28	28		+2	-13	+10	
<i>Lewisham</i>	2	45	4	3		-13		
<i>Merton</i>	25	32		3	+12	-2	-2	-5
<i>Newham</i>		59		1				
<i>Redbridge</i>	33	21	9		+10	-7		-2
<i>Richmond upon Thames</i>	39		15		+25	-4	-19	
<i>Southwark</i>	5	28	30		+1	-3	+3	-2
<i>Sutton</i>	8	3	43		+3	-2	-3	
<i>Tower Hamlets</i>		35	16			-8	+9	
<i>Waltham Forest</i>	18	29	13		+4	-1	+1	-1
<i>Wandsworth</i>	50	10				-1		
<i>Westminster</i>	48	12			+1	-1		
London borough totals	652	878	297	33	118	-170	14	-18
Unitaries								
Blackburn with Darwen	5	12	3		-3		+3	
Bristol	6	9	9		+1	-4	+3	
Derby	11	27	12	1	+3	-2	+6	
Halton		15	3			+2	+1	-3
Hartlepool	2	9	3	2	-1	+1	-1	1
Kingston upon Hull	2	24	29	4		-20	+19	
Milton Keynes	8	16	27			-6	+7	-1
Peterborough	13	4	1	1	+2	-3	+1	
Portsmouth	15	14	13		-1	-1	+5	
Reading	1	13	2					
Slough	1	10	1	2	-2	+1	+1	
Southampton	11	19	18		+4	-3	+2	
Southend-on-Sea	11	4	2					
Stoke-on-Trent	6	21	8	22		-9	+4	5
Swindon	7	9	3					
Thurrock	1	13	1	1	-1		+1	
Warrington	1	14	5			-2	+2	
Wokingham	14	1	4		+4	+1	-5	
Unitary totals	115	234	144	33	6	-45	49	2
Grand total	2,007	2,416	1,250	235	238	-334	37	-73

B. The overall picture

Table 5 below summarises the current state of the parties in local government in Great Britain. Labour currently hold just over 8,000 seats (36%), the Conservatives 7,000 (32%) and the Liberal Democrats well over 4,000 (20%). Over 2,000 seats are held by councillors not representing one of the 5 major parties.

Table 5

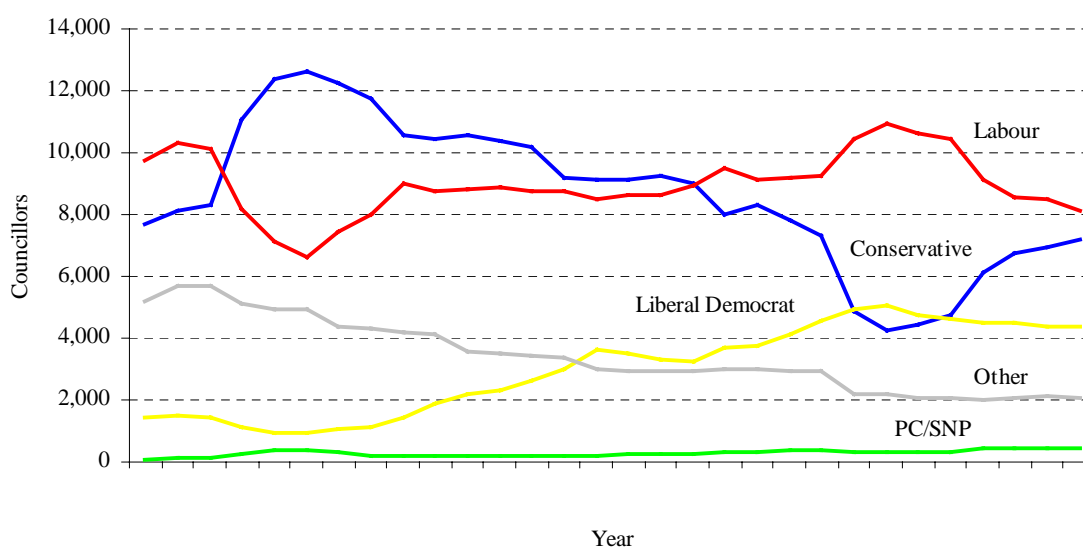
Estimated number of councillors: Great Britain: 3 May 2002

	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	PC/SNP	Other	Total
Shire districts	4,152	2,920	2,353		1,235	10,660
Metropolitan boroughs	430	1,484	494		55	2,463
London boroughs	652	878	297		33	1,860
Unitary authorities	736	1,028	569		132	2,465
Shire counties	1,019	708	408		79	2,214
Other authorities					176	176
England	6,989	7,018	4,121		1,710	19,838
Welsh unitary authorities	76	559	102	204	331	1,272
Scottish unitary authorities	112	540	156	208	204	1,220
Great Britain total	7,177	8,117	4,379	412	2,245	22,330
	32.1%	36.4%	19.6%	1.8%	10.1%	100%

<http://www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/uklocalgov/makeup.htm>

The chart below shows the party affiliation of councillors in Great Britain since local government was reorganised in 1973. The Conservatives have closed the gap on Labour in recent years having briefly been the third party during the mid-1990s. There are approximately 3,500 fewer councillors across Great Britain now than in the mid-1970s.

Party affiliation of councillors: 1973-2001



III Local electoral pilot schemes and turnout

The *Representation of the People Act 2000* enabled local authorities to apply for permission to pilot a range of new electoral arrangements for the local elections. A total of 32 authorities ran 38 pilot schemes in May 2000. In their review, the Local Government Association found that postal voting was the only new electoral arrangement to have significant potential for increasing local election turnout. Early and extended voting added little to turnout, but appeared to perform a useful public service. Other innovations were deemed worthy of further experimentation despite limited initial success. The LGA found no evidence of pilots leading to an increase in electoral fraud. Most electors welcomed the new electoral arrangements, found them easy to use, and wished to use them again in the future.²

There were a number of experiments in polling procedures carried out for the May 2002 local elections designed to increase voter turnout. 30 local authorities took part in at least one experiment.³ The Electoral Commission will undertake a thorough evaluation of these pilot schemes. Its report will be sent to the Secretary of State by August 2002.⁴

Summarising the major developments:

- Early assessments of the electoral pilot schemes show that turnout increased significantly in areas testing all-postal voting. For example, in South Tyneside, turnout reached 55% compared with 24% in 1998 (27% in 2000). Turnout also doubled in Chorley, to over 60%
- In Swindon, over 4,000 people voted on-line using the council's website, representing around 10% of all votes, and a further 2,000 voted via touchtone telephone (5% of votes).
- Within five minutes of the polls closing, St. Albans announced the first e-voting and counting results.

Table 6 overleaf summarises turnout in electoral pilot districts, comparing it, where appropriate, with that recorded in 1998. All figures are percentages.

² Local Government Association *Elections – the 21st Century Model: an evaluation of May 2000 local electoral pilots* (Report 14 – Executive Summary) (2000)

³ HC Deb 5 February 2002 cc830-31w; DTLR News Release 2002/0022 *May Elections to trial on-line voting* 5 February 2002

⁴ DTLR News Release 2002/0179 *Postal and Electronic Voting prove to be a Hit* 3 May 2002

Table 6**Electoral pilot schemes and turnout**

Comparison of % turnout in 2002 with 1998 local elections

		Turnout %		Turnout %	
		1998	2002	1998	2002
Electronic/ internet voting				All postal ballots	
Bolton	Kiosk	25.4	32.7	Basingstoke & Deane	28.9 34.3
Chester	Touch-screen	32.3	35.5	Chorley	31.3 61.5
Crewe & Nantwich	Website	18.0	31.4	Crawley	19.0 34.3
Liverpool	Telephone, internet, text and digital TV	22.1	27.5	Gateshead	29.3 57.3
Newham (council)	Smart cards	28.4	26.9	Greenwich	32.5 31.9
Newham (mayoral)	Smart cards	N/A	27.6	Hackney	34.8 31.5
St Albans	Kiosk, internet	35.5	38.2	Haverling	34.3 45.0
Sheffield	Kiosk, internet, text	25.0	30.0	Middlesboro (mayoral)	N/A 41.0
Stratford-upon-Avon	Kiosk	35.0	40.6	N Tyneside (council)	27.8 42.4
Swindon	Internet, touchtone phone (early voting)	25.4	31.2	N Tyneside (mayoral)	N/A 42.5
				NW Leicestershire	N/A 34.0
				Preston	29.0 34.0
				South Tyneside	24.2 55.3
				Stevenage	25.5 52.9
				Trafford	33.7 49.0
Extended voting					
Wandsworth	07:00-22:00	39.4	29.7		
City of Westminster	07:00-22:00	32.0	27.4		
				Electronic counting	
				Bolton	25.4 32.7
				Broxbourne	25.8 26.9
				Chorley	31.3 61.5
				Epping Forest	29.3 32.7
				Hackney	34.8 31.9
				Liverpool	22.1 27.5
				Newham (council)	36.5 26.9
				Newham (mayoral)	N/A 27.6
				N Tyneside (council)	27.8 42.4
				N Tyneside (mayoral)	N/A 42.5
				Rugby	24.2 39.2
				S Tyneside	24.1 55.3
				St Albans	35.5 38.2
				Sheffield	25.0 30.0
				Stratford-upon Avon	35.0 40.6
				City of Westminster	32.0 27.4
Early voting					
Camden	27-28 April	33.4	28.4		
Liverpool	From 27 April	22.1	27.5		
Newham (council)	24-29 April	28.4	26.9		
Newham (mayoral)	24-29 April	N/A	27.6		
Swindon	25-30 April	25.4	31.2		
Other pilot schemes					
Hyndburn	Leaflet address from all parties to voters	29.6	35.8		
Liverpool	On line registration at polling stn	22.1	27.5		
Newham	Mobile voting service, ling. suppt.	28.4	27.6		

IV Results of mayoral referenda and elections

Since June 2001, 28 local authorities have held local referenda to decide whether or not to directly elect local mayors. While most referenda have failed to support the proposition of directly elected mayors, the referendum question has now been approved in 11 authorities. The full results of the referenda are reproduced in the table below.

Table 7

Referenda on the direct election of local mayors

		Date	Yes	%	No	%	% Turnout
"Yes" votes							
Watford	*	12/07/2001	7,636	51.7	7,140	48.3	24.5
Doncaster	*	20/09/2001	35,453	64.6	19,398	35.4	25.4
Hartlepool	*	18/10/2001	10,667	50.9	10,294	49.1	33.9
Lewisham	*	18/10/2001	16,822	51.4	15,917	48.6	18.3
Middlesbrough	*	18/10/2001	29,067	84.3	5,422	15.7	33.9
North Tyneside	*	18/10/2001	30,262	57.6	22,296	42.4	36.2
Newham	*	31/01/2002	27,263	68.2	12,687	31.8	25.9
Bedford		21/02/2002	11,316	67.1	5,537	32.9	15.5
Hackney		02/05/2002	24,697	58.9	10,547	41.1	31.9
Mansfield		02/05/2002	8,973	55.0	7,350	45.0	21.0
Stoke on Trent		02/05/2002	28,601	58.2	20,578	41.8	27.8
"No" votes							
Berwick-upon -Tweed		07/06/2001	3,617	26.2	10,212	73.8	63.8
Cheltenham	*	28/06/2001	8,083	32.7	16,602	67.3	31.0
Gloucester	*	28/06/2001	7,731	32.1	16,317	67.9	30.8
Kirklees		04/10/2001	10,169	26.7	27,977	73.3	13.0
Sunderland		11/10/2001	9,375	43.4	12,209	56.6	10.0
Brighton & Hove	*	18/10/2001	22,724	37.9	37,214	62.1	31.6
Sedgefield	*	18/10/2001	10,628	47.2	11,869	52.8	33.3
Redditch	*	08/11/2001	7,250	44.1	9,198	55.9	28.3
Durham	*	20/11/2001	8,327	41.0	11,974	59.0	29.0
Harrow	*	07/12/2001	17,502	42.6	23,554	57.4	26.1
Harlow	*	24/01/2002	5,296	25.5	15,490	74.5	36.4
Plymouth	*	24/01/2002	29,559	40.8	42,811	59.2	39.8
West Devon	*	31/01/2002	3,555	22.6	12,190	77.4	41.8
Southwark		31/01/2002	6,054	31.4	13,217	68.6	11.2
Shepway	*	31/01/2002	11,357	44.0	14,438	56.0	36.3
Newcastle-under-Lyme		02/05/2002	12,912	43.9	16,468	56.1	31.5
Oxford		02/05/2002	14,692	44.0	18,686	56.0	33.8

* postal ballot of all electors

Seven local authorities held direct mayoral elections on 2 May. The results are reproduced in table 8 overleaf. Three Labour, one Conservative and one Liberal Democrat mayor were elected, together with the high profile "H'Angus the Monkey" and "Robocop" candidates in Hartlepool and Middlesborough respectively. Three in ten mayoral votes went to candidates from outside the three major parties.

Table 8

Mayoral elections: 2 May 2002

			1st pref votes	1st round %	Adding 2nd pref votes	2nd round %		
Doncaster Turnout 28.4%	Andrew Burden	Con	9,000	15.4	12,170	32.1		
	Jessie Credland	CG	8,469	14.5				
	Shafiq Kham	Ind	2,836	4.8				
	Michael Maye	Ind	7,502	12.8				
	Graham Newman	LD	5,150	8.8				
	Terence Wilcox	Ind	4,036	6.9				
	Martin Winter	Lab	21,494	36.8			25,707	67.9
Hartlepool Turnout 30.1%	Ian Cameron	Ind	5,174	26.5	7,395	52.1		
	Stephen Close	Con	1,561	8.0				
	Stuart Drummond	ND	5,696	29.1				
	Leo Gillen	Lab	5,438	27.8			6,792	47.9
	Arthur Preece	LD	1,675	8.6				
Lewisham Turnout 25.5%	Steve Bullock	Lab	20,011	45.0	24,520	71.3		
	Alex Feakes	LD	7,276	16.3				
	Louise Irvine	LEAP	3,710	8.3				
	Sinna Mani	Gr	5,517	12.4				
	Derek Stone	Con	8,004	18.0			9,855	28.7
Middlesborough Turnout 41.3%	Sylvia Connolly	Lab	9,653	23.0	26,362	62.8		
	Ronald Darby	Con	1,510	3.6				
	Jeffrey Fowler	SA	352	0.8				
	Rod Jones	Ind	297	0.7				
	Raymond Mallon	ND	26,362	62.8			Not required	
	Joseph Michna	LD	3,820	9.1				
Newham Turnout 27.6%	Tawfique Choudhury	Ind	5,907	14.7	20,384	50.8		
	Alan Craig	CPA	3,649	9.1				
	Michael Davidson	BNP	2,881	7.2				
	Graham Postles	Con	4,635	11.5				
	Gabrielle Rolfe	Gr	2,691	6.7				
	Robert Wales	Lab	20,384	50.8			Not required	
North Tyneside Turnout 42.5%	Eddie Darke	Lab	19,601	32.2	24,531	48.5		
	Michael Elliott	SA	2,119	3.5				
	Michael Huscroft	LD	12,323	20.2				
	Christopher Morgan	Con	21,829	35.9			26,083	51.5
	Allan Pond	Ind	4,993	8.2				
Watford Turnout 37.4%	Tristram Cooke	FC	330	1.5	10,954	49.4		
	Gary Ling	Con	4,746	21.4				
	Vincent Muspratt	Lab	4,899	22.1			5,269	28.1
	Stephen Rackett	Gr	851	3.8				
	Dorothy Thornhill	LD	10,954	49.4			13,473	71.9
	Paul Woodward	SA	390	1.8				

Additional party abbreviations:

CG: Community Group

ND: No description

LEAP: Local Education Action by Parents

SA: Socialist Alliance

CPA: Christian People's Alliance

FC: Fat Cat Party

V The electoral performance of the British National Party

A total of 68 candidates from the extreme-right British National Party (BNP) stood in the local and mayoral elections held on 2 May 2002.

The extreme-right in Britain has suffered from frequent public splits and internal divisions. The National Front (NF) was formed in 1967 by the merger of the British National Party (BNP) and the League of Empire Loyalists. After a period of factional rivalry, the BNP was re-formed in 1992 led by the NF leader, John Tyndall.

In 1995, the NF was re-branded as the National Democrats, although some within the rank-and-file membership remained loyal to the 'residual' National Front. The NF and BNP fielded candidates in the 1997 and 2001 general elections, while the ND fielded candidates only in 1997.

The BNP remains the largest extreme-right party in Britain today. In September 1993, the BNP secured the election of Derek Beacon in a by-election for the Millwall ward of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Beacon subsequently lost the seat at the 1994 borough elections.

The BNP's election campaigns have tended to enjoy only intermittent success, mainly at the local level and normally only in local council by-elections. In the 2000 local elections, the BNP obtained 23% of the vote in Tipton Green while the NF polled 10% in Great Bridge, both wards in the metropolitan borough of Sandwell. In Bexley in July 2000, the BNP secured 26% in the North End ward by-election. The BNP polled 7.1% of the vote in City and East in the Greater London Assembly elections (2000), although overall the party fell substantially short of the 5% threshold necessary to acquire additional list (top-up) seats. In the direct poll for Mayor of London the BNP's candidate, Michael Newland, secured only 2% of first preference votes and just 3.2% of second-round votes.⁵

The BNP's most recent electoral successes have occurred in areas affected by the race riots of summer 2001. In Burnley, the BNP secured relatively high shares of the vote in by-elections held in several key wards during November 2001 – Lowerhouse (23%), Trinity (19%) and Rose Hill (19%).

In the 2002 local elections, a total of 30,998 votes were cast for 67 candidates from the British National Party across 26 different local authority districts:

⁵ Further information on the electoral performance of the extreme-right is provided in Library Standard Note SN/SG/1797 *Electoral Performance of Far-Right Parties in the UK*.

- The average BNP share of the vote where the party fielded candidates was 16%, and the average turnout in these wards was 35% compared with 34% (estimate) nationally.
- Three BNP councillors were returned in Burnley:
 - David Edwards (Cliviger-with-Worsthorne)
 - Terry Grogan (Gannow)
 - Carol Hughes (Rosegrove with Lowerhouse).
- The wards with the highest BNP share of the vote were:
 - Oldham St. James (35%)
 - Burnley Brunshaw (31.2%)
 - Oldham Chadderton South (29.9%)
 - Sunderland Townend Farm (28.0%)
 - Burnley Queensgate (27.9%).
- The wards where the BNP polled the highest number of votes were
 - Oldham Royton North (973 votes)
 - Oldham Chadderton South (965)
 - Oldham St. James (929)
 - Burnley Brunshaw (919)
 - Burnley Cliviger-with-Worsthorne (898).
- In the direct mayoral elections held in the London Borough of Newham, the BNP's candidate polled 2,881 votes, 7.2% of the total.

The full results from those wards where the BNP fielded candidates are included in the table below. Please note that in the case of multi-member wards where more than one vacancy was filled, the vote of each party's best placed candidate has been used in order to calculate total vote and, hence, party (i.e. in this instance, BNP) shares of the vote. This replicates the methodology used by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher (2001).⁶

⁶ Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher *Local Elections Handbook 2001* (2001), p.xii

Table 9**Performance of British National party candidates**

	Ward	1st cand. votes	Share of vote%	2nd cand. votes	3rd cand. votes	Turnout (%)
Local elections						
Gateshead	Bensham	185	6.9			51.7
	Teams	331	8.6			51.9
	Saltwell	349	11.0			48.3
Sunderland	Townend Farm	381	28.0			20.1
	Hendon	340	14.0			30.0
	Silksworth	141	6.3			23.5
	Thorneyclose	235	15.6			19.7
	Southwick	292	19.7			22.8
	Fullwell	148	5.3			33.8
Leeds	Harehills	209	3.8			40.5
Bradford	Eccleshill	486	14.7			35.9
Doncaster	Stainforth	441	13.7			26.6
Kirklees	Dewsbury East	536	13.5			35.5
	Dewsbury West	417	7.5			43.8
	Thornhill	823	17.0			39.9
	Batley West	438	10.3			32.3
Burnley	Bank Hall	*	663	27.8		50.3
	Brunshaw	*	919	31.2		53.7
	Cliviger with Worsthorne	*	898	26.1		63.4
	Coal Clough and Deerplay	*	622	22.7		53.7
	Gannow	*	817	21.5		53.8
	Lanehead	*	834	22.9		55.7
	Queensgate	*	781	27.9		56.6
	Rosegrove with Lowerhouse	*	751	19.9		49.3
	Rosehill with Burnley Wood	*	812	21.5		52.7
	Trinity	*	643	25.1		44.7
	Whittlefield/Ightenhill	*	739	23.7		52.5
	Hapton-with-Park	*	722	23.6		49.0
	Gawthorpe	*	783	22.1		51.6
Oldham	Alexandra		788	22.9		31.8
	Chadderton South		965	29.9		22.5
	Hollinwood		736	23.9		36.0
	Royton North		973	24.7		40.2
	St James		929	35.0		24.5
Wigan	Abram		571	22.8		28.9
Liverpool	St. Marys		148	5.8		28.5
Sefton	Norwood		159	4.6		31.9
Leicester	Eyres Monsell		202	8.3		39.6
Dudley	Castle & Priory		549	26.1		25.9
	Sandwell	Princes End		536	24.3	
Birmingham	Tipton Green		334	7.5		37.1
	Weoley		351	7.3		31.7
	Stoke	Longton North	*	687	16.6	
Tower Hamlets	Bethnal Green North	*	162	5.8		32.3
	Millwall	*	204	9.1		22.0
Newham	Beckton	*	217	10.1		21.3
	Canning Town North	*	389	16.2		22.8
	Royal Docks	*	130	11.8		19.7
Waltham Forest	Chingford Green	*	308	9.3	259	41.4

Table 9 continued
Local elections continued

	Ward		1st cand. votes	Share of vote%	2nd cand. votes	3rd cand. votes	Turnout (%)
Redbridge	Hainault	*	675	21.7			31.8
	Roding	*	309	10.5			35.3
Hillingdon	Charville	*	301	9.4			34.8
	Harefield	*	389	17.5			38.3
Bexley	Heathrow Villages	*	177	6.3			29.3
	Colyer	*	184	7.6			29.0
	Crayford	*	173	7.5			29.4
	Erith	*	144	7.5			25.3
	Northend	*	541	22.0	502	501	33.5
	Northumberland Heath	*	161	5.6			34.5
Lewisham	Downham	*	485	17.4	462		29.3
Merton	St. Helier	*	302	13.9			32.5
Broxbourne	Cheshunt North		170	12.8			24.7
Basildon	Vange	*	189	12.3			23.5
Total votes (all candidates)			30,998	15.0	1,223	501	35.0
Direct Mayoral Elections							
	Newham		2,881	7.2			27.6

* indicates a multi-member ward

VI Appendix 1 Directory of local authority websites

Adur District Council (DC)	http://www.adurdc.gov.uk
Amber Valley Borough Council (DC)	http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk
Barking and Dagenham (LB)	http://www.barking-dagenham.gov.uk
Barnet (LB)	http://www.barnet.gov.uk
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.barnsley.gov.uk
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council (DC)	http://www.barrowbc.gov.uk
Basildon District Council (DC)	http://www.basildon.gov.uk
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (DC)	http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk
Bassetlaw District Council (DC)	http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk
Bedford Borough Council (DC)	http://www.bedford.gov.uk
Bexley Council (LB)	http://www.bexley.gov.uk
Birmingham City Council (M)	http://www.birmingham.gov.uk
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (U)	http://www.blackburn.gov.uk
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.bolton.gov.uk
Bradford City Council (M)	http://www.bradford.gov.uk
Brent (LB)	http://www.brent.gov.uk
Brentwood Borough Council (DC)	http://www.brentwood-council.gov.uk
Bristol City Council (U)	http://www.bristol-city.gov.uk
Broadland District Council (DC)	http://www.broadland.gov.uk
Bromley (LB)	http://www.bromley.gov.uk
Broxbourne Borough Council (DC)	http://www.broxbourne.gov.uk/
Burnley Borough Council (DC)	http://www.burnley.gov.uk
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.bury.gov.uk
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.calderdale.gov.uk
Cambridge City Council (DC)	http://www.cambridge.gov.uk
Camden (LB)	http://www.camden.gov.uk
Cannock Chase District Council (DC)	http://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk
Carlisle City Council (DC)	http://www.carlisle-city.gov.uk
Cheltenham Borough Council (DC)	http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk
Cherwell District Council (DC)	http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk
Chester City Council (DC)	http://www.chestercc.gov.uk
Chorley Borough Council (DC)	http://www.chorley.gov.uk/
City of London (LB)	http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk
Colchester Borough Council (DC)	http://www.colchester.gov.uk
Congleton Borough Council (DC)	http://www.congleton.gov.uk
Coventry City Council (M)	http://www.coventry.gov.uk
Craven District Council (DC)	http://www.cravendc.gov.uk
Crawley Borough Council (DC)	http://www.crawley.gov.uk/
Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council (DC)	http://www.crewe-nantwich.gov.uk
Croydon (LB)	http://www.croydon.gov.uk
Daventry District Council (DC)	http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk
Derby City Council (U)	http://www.derby.gov.uk
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.dudley.gov.uk
Ealing (LB)	http://www.ealing.gov.uk
Eastbourne Borough Council (DC)	http://www.eastbourne.org.uk
Eastleigh Borough Council (DC)	http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk
Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council (DC)	http://www.ellesmereport-neston.gov.uk
Elmbridge Borough Council (DC)	http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk
Enfield (LB)	http://www.enfield.gov.uk

Epping Forest District Council (DC)	http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk
Exeter City Council (DC)	http://www.exeter.gov.uk
Fareham Borough Council (DC)	http://www.fareham.gov.uk
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.gateshead.gov.uk
Gloucester City Council (DC)	http://www.glos-city.gov.uk
Gosport Borough Council (DC)	http://www.gosport.gov.uk
Great Yarmouth Borough Council (DC)	http://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk
Greenwich (LB)	http://www.greenwich.gov.uk
Hackney (LB)	http://www.hackney.gov.uk
Halton Borough Council (U)	http://www.halton-borough.gov.uk
Hammersmith and Fulham (LB)	http://www.lbhf.gov.uk
Haringey (LB)	http://www.haringey.gov.uk
Harlow District Council (DC)	http://www.harlow.gov.uk
Harrogate Borough Council (DC)	http://www.harrogate.gov.uk
Harrow (LB)	http://www.harrow.gov.uk/
Hart District Council (DC)	http://www.hart.gov.uk
Hartlepool Borough Council (U)	http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/
Hastings Borough Council (DC)	http://www.hastings.gov.uk
Havant Borough Council (DC)	http://www.havant.gov.uk
Havering (LB)	http://www.havering.gov.uk
Hertsmere Borough Council (DC)	http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk
Hillingdon (LB)	http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk
Hounslow (LB)	http://www.hounslow.gov.uk
Huntingdonshire District Council (DC)	http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk
Hyndburn Borough Council (DC)	http://www.hynburn.gov.uk
Ipswich Borough Council (DC)	http://www.ipswich.gov.uk
Islington (LB)	http://www.islington.gov.uk
Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough (LB)	http://www.rbkc.gov.uk
Kingston Upon Hull City Council (U)	http://www.hullcc.gov.uk
Kingston Upon Thames Royal Borough (LB)	http://www.kingston.gov.uk
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.kirkleesmc.gov.uk
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.knowsley.gov.uk
Lambeth (LB)	http://www.lambeth.gov.uk
Leeds City Council (M)	http://www.leeds.gov.uk
Lewisham (LB)	http://www.lewisham.gov.uk
Lincoln City Council (DC)	http://www.lincoln-info.org.uk/
Liverpool City Council (M)	http://www.liverpool.gov.uk
Macclesfield Borough Council (DC)	http://www.macclesfield.gov.uk
Maidstone Borough Council (DC)	http://www.maidstone.gov.uk
Manchester City Council (M)	http://www.manchester.gov.uk
Merton (LB)	http://www.merton.gov.uk
Middlesbrough Borough Council (U)	http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk
Milton Keynes (U)	http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/
Mole Valley District Council (DC)	http://www.mole-valley.gov.uk
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (DC)	http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council (M)	http://www.newcastle.gov.uk
Newham (LB)	http://www.newham.gov.uk
North Hertfordshire District Council (DC)	http://www.nhdc.gov.uk
North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk
Norwich City Council (DC)	http://www.norwich.gov.uk
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (DC)	http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.oldham.gov.uk
Oxford City Council (DC)	http://www.oxford.gov.uk
Pendle Borough Council (DC)	http://www.pendle.gov.uk
Penwith District Council (DC)	http://www.penwith.gov.uk/

Peterborough City Council (U)	http://www.peterborough.gov.uk
Portsmouth City Council (U)	http://www.portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Preston Borough Council (DC)	http://www.preston.gov.uk
Purbeck District Council (DC)	http://www.purbeck-dc.gov.uk/
Reading Borough Council (U)	http://www.reading.gov.uk
Redbridge (LB)	http://www.redbridge.gov.uk
Redditch Borough Council (DC)	http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (DC)	http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk
Richmond Upon Thames (LB)	http://www.richmond.gov.uk
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.rochdale.gov.uk
Rochford District Council	http://www.rochford.gov.uk
Rossendale Borough Council (DC)	http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.rotherham.gov.uk
Rugby Borough Council (DC)	http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk
Runnymede Borough Council (DC)	http://www.runnymede.gov.uk
Rushmoor Borough Council (DC)	http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk
Salford City Council (M)	http://www.salford.gov.uk
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.sandwell.gov.uk
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.sefton.gov.uk
Sheffield City Council (M)	http://www.sheffield.gov.uk
Shrewsbury and Atcham Council (DC)	http://www.shrewsbury.gov.uk
Slough Borough Council (U)	http://www.slough.gov.uk
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.solihull.gov.uk
South Buckinghamshire District Council (DC)	http://www.southbucks.gov.uk
South Cambridgeshire District Council (DC)	http://www.scambs.gov.uk
South Lakeland District Council (DC)	http://www.ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sldc/
South Tyneside Metropolitan Council (M)	http://www.s-tyneside-mbc.gov.uk
Southampton City Council (U)	http://www.southampton.gov.uk
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (U)	http://www.southend.gov.uk
Southwark (LB)	http://www.southwark.gov.uk
St Albans City Council (DC)	http://www.stalbans.gov.uk
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.sthelens.gov.uk
Stevenage Borough Council (DC)	http://www.stevenage.gov.uk
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.stockportmbc.gov.uk
Stoke-on-Trent City Council (U)	http://www.stoke.gov.uk
Stratford-on-Avon District Council (DC)	http://www.stratford.gov.uk
Stroud District Council (DC)	http://www.stroud.gov.uk
Sunderland City Council (M)	http://www.sunderland.gov.uk
Sutton (LB)	http://www.sutton.gov.uk
Swale Borough Council (DC)	http://www.swale.gov.uk
Swindon Borough Council (U)	http://www.swindon.gov.uk
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.tameside.gov.uk
Tamworth Borough Council (DC)	http://www.tamworth.gov.uk
Tandridge District Council (DC)	http://www.tandridgedc.gov.uk
Three Rivers District Council (DC)	http://www.3rivers.gov.uk
Thurrock Borough Council (U)	http://www.thurrock-community.org.uk/
Tower Hamlets (LB)	http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.trafford.gov.uk
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (DC)	http://www.kentaccess.org.uk/twbc
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council (M)	http://www.wakefield.gov.uk
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.walsall.gov.uk
Waltham Forest (LB)	http://www.lbwf.gov.uk
Wandsworth (LB)	http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk
Warrington Borough Council (U)	http://www.warrington.gov.uk
Watford Borough Council (DC)	http://www.watford.gov.uk/

Waveney District Council (DC)	http://www.waveney.gov.uk
Welwyn Hatfield Council (DC)	http://www.welhat.gov.uk
West Lancashire District Council (DC)	http://www.westlancsdc.gov.uk
West Lindsey District Council (DC)	http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk
West Oxfordshire District Council (DC)	http://www.westoxon.gov.uk
Westminster City Council (LB)	http://www.westminster.gov.uk
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (DC)	http://www.weymouth.gov.uk
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.wiganmbc.gov.uk
Winchester City Council (DC)	http://www.winchester.gov.uk
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council (M)	http://www.wirral.gov.uk
Woking Borough Council (DC)	http://www.woking.gov.uk
Wokingham District Council (U)	http://www.wokingham.gov.uk
Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough (M)	http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk
Worcester City Council (DC)	http://www.cityofworcester.gov.uk/
Worthing Borough Council (DC)	http://www.worthing.gov.uk
Wyre Forest District Council (DC)	http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk