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Local and Mayoral elections 2007

This Research Paper summarises the results of the local and mayoral elections held on 3 May 2007.

Elections were held in 312 local authorities in England and all 32 authorities in Scotland. In England, one-third of seats were contested in 36 Metropolitan Boroughs, 79 Shire Districts, and 20 Unitary Authorities; and all seats were contested in 152 Shire Districts and 25 Unitary Authorities. In Scotland, all seats were contested on the 32 Scottish councils.

The Conservatives made a net gain of 39 councils and 927 seats. Labour had net losses of 16 councils and 642 seats. The Liberal Democrats had net losses of four councils and 257 seats.

The British National Party gained one seat in net terms while the Greens made a net gain of 25 seats.

Estimates suggest that the Conservatives won 40% of the national equivalent share of the vote, Labour 26% and the Liberal Democrats 24%.

Turnout was estimated to be 38.1%.

Mayoral elections were also held in Bradford, Mansfield, and Middlesbrough. All three incumbent mayors were re-elected.

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Summary of main points

Elections were held in 344 local authorities on 3 May 2007 comprising:

England (312 local authorities)

- 36 Metropolitan Boroughs (one-third of seats)
- 231 Shire Districts:
 - 152 shire districts (all seats)
 - 79 shire districts (one-third of seats)
- 45 Unitary Authorities
 - 25 unitary authorities (all seats)
 - 20 unitary authorities (one-third of seats)

Scotland (32 local authorities)

- 32 Unitary Authorities (all seats)

No elections were scheduled in Wales, Northern Ireland, London Boroughs, county councils, or in the remaining unitary authorities and shire districts in England.

The **Conservatives** won or retained control of 163 councils, a net gain of 39 councils, comprising 48 gains and nine losses. They made six gains from Labour, six from the Liberal Democrats, and 36 from no overall control (NOC). The party took Blackpool and Plymouth from Labour, and Bournemouth and Torbay from the Liberal Democrats. They lost Eastbourne to the Liberal Democrats and lost Solihull to NOC. The Conservatives do not control any councils in Scotland. The party made a net gain of 925 seats, comprising +911 seats in England and +16 seats in Scotland.

Labour won or retained control of 36 councils, 34 in England and two in Scotland, a net loss of 16 councils. They won control of Leicester and Luton, previously under NOC, but lost Sheffield and Edinburgh. Labour lost 642 seats in net terms, -505 in England and -137 in Scotland.

The **Liberal Democrats** won or retained control of 23 councils, a net loss of four. They took Eastbourne from the Conservatives, and Kingston-upon-Hull and Northampton from NOC. The party lost Bournemouth, Torbay, and Windsor and Maidenhead to the Conservatives, and they lost St. Albans and York to NOC. The Liberal Democrats do not control any councils in Scotland. They lost 257 seats in net terms, -246 seats in England and -11 seats in Scotland.

112 councils were under **No Overall Control** (NOC) following the elections, 14 fewer than prior to the 2007 elections.

Other parties won or retained control of seven councils holding elections in 2007, including three in Scotland. The **Scottish National Party** won 363 seats in Scotland, a net gain of 181 seats. They lost control of Angus to NOC. The **Greens** won 70 seats, a net gain of 25 seats, +17 in England and +8 in Scotland. The Greens have 12 seats in both Lancaster and Brighton, as well as 10 seats in Norwich and 5 seats in Glasgow. The **British National Party** won 10 seats, a net gain of a single seat. In the BNP's own assessment of the results,

it acknowledged that “the number of seats won and lost suggests that the party is standing still”.¹

The estimated national equivalent **shares of the vote** were Conservative 40%, Labour 26%, and Liberal Democrats 24%

Overall **turnout** was estimated to be 38.1%.²

Three independent incumbent **mayors** were re-elected: Frank Branston (Bedford), Tony Egginton (Mansfield), and Ray Mallon (Middlesbrough).

¹ http://www.bnp.org.uk/news_detail.php?newsId=1499

² Estimates compiled by LGC Elections Centre, University of Plymouth on behalf of the Electoral Commission; LGC Elections Centre personal communication.

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I Introduction

Elections were held to 11,698 seats in 344 local authorities in England (312 authorities) and Scotland (32) on 3 May 2007, comprising:

- **36** Metropolitan Boroughs (one-third of seats)
- **231** English Shire Districts:
 - 152 shire districts (all seats)
 - 79 shire districts (one-third of seats)
- **45** English Unitary Authorities
 - 25 unitary authorities (all seats)
 - 20 unitary authorities (one-third of seats)
- **32** Scottish Unitary Authorities (all seats)

This paper is intended as a brief summary of the results and is based on media reports and data supplied by local authorities. The final compilation of the results, including votes cast at ward- and authority-level, shares of the vote, and turnout will be published later in the year by Professors Rallings and Thrasher at the University of Plymouth in their *Local Elections Handbook 2007*.

Comparisons of net gains and losses are based on council composition immediately prior to the elections. Control is attributed on a simple numerical basis – minority administrations and coalitions are not taken into account; they are regarded as the authority being under no overall (single party) control.

II The results

A. Council control

The **Conservatives** won or retained control of 163 councils, a net gain of 39 councils, comprising 48 gains and nine losses. They made six gains from Labour, six from the Liberal Democrats, and 36 from no overall control (NOC). The party took Blackpool and Plymouth from Labour, and Bournemouth and Torbay from the Liberal Democrats. They lost Eastbourne to the Liberal Democrats and lost Solihull to NOC. The Conservatives do not have control of any councils in Scotland.

Labour won or retained control of 36 councils, 34 in England and two in Scotland, a net loss of 16 councils. They won control of Leicester and Luton, previously under NOC, but lost Sheffield and Edinburgh.

The **Liberal Democrats** won or retained control of 23 councils, a net loss of four. They took Eastbourne from the Conservatives, and Kingston-upon-Hull and Northampton from NOC. The party lost Bournemouth, Torbay, and Windsor and Maidenhead to the Conservatives, and they lost St. Albans and York to NOC. The Liberal Democrats do not control any councils in Scotland.

Other parties won or retained control of seven councils holding elections in 2007, including three in Scotland. 112 councils contested were under **No Overall Control** (NOC) following the elections, a net loss of 14 councils. The tables below summarise changes in council control, both for those councils holding elections on 3 May and for all local authorities in Great Britain:

Summary: changes in council control

Councils holding elections on 3 May

	Pre-election	Post-election	Change
CON	126	165	39
LAB	52	36	-16
LD	28	23	-5
Others	12	8	-4
NOC	126	112	-14

Changes in council control

Conservative gains

Conservative gains from Labour (6)

-   Blackpool
-   Gravesham
-   Lincoln
-   North West Leicestershire
-   Plymouth
-   South Derbyshire

Conservative gains from Liberal Democrat (6)

-   Bournemouth
-   North Devon
-   South Norfolk
-   Torbay
-   Uttlesford
-   Royal

Conservative gains from NOC (36)

-   Braintree
-   Canterbury
-   Charnwood
-   Chester
-   Crawley
-   Dartford
-   Dover
-   East Cambridgeshire
-   East Riding Of Yorkshire
-   Erewash
-   Forest Of Dean
-   Gedling
-   Harborough
-   Herefordshire
-   High Peak
-   Malvern Hills
-   Mid Suffolk
-   Mid Sussex
-   Newark & Sherwood
-   North Dorset
-   North Kesteven
-   North Shropshire
-   North Somerset
-   North Warwickshire
-   North Wiltshire
-   Oswestry
-   Rugby
-   Shepway
-   South Cambridgeshire
-   South Ribble
-   South Shropshire
-   Staffordshire Moorlands
-   Warwick
-   Waverley
-   West Wiltshire
-   Woking

Labour gains

Labour gains from Conservative (1)





-   North Lincolnshire

Labour gains from NOC (2)

-   Leicester
-   Luton

Liberal Democrat gains

Liberal Democrat gains from Conservative (2)

-   Eastbourne
-   Hinckley & Bosworth

Liberal Democrat gains from NOC (4)

-   Caradon
-   Kingston-Upon-Hull
-   Northampton
-   Rochdale

Others gains

Others gain from Conservative (1)

-   West Somerset

Others gain from NOC (1)

-   Boston

Losses to No Overall Control






Conservative losses to NOC (5)

-   Salisbury
-   Scarborough
-   Solihull
-   Taunton Deane
-   Thurrock

Labour losses to NOC (13)

-   Ashfield
-   Darwen
-   Clackmannanshire
-   East Ayrshire
-   East Lothian
-   Edinburgh
-   Midlothian
-   Oldham
-   North Ayrshire
-   Sheffield
-   South Lanarkshire
-   Wear Valley
-   West Lothian

Liberal Democrat losses to NOC (5)

-   Carrick
-   Inverclyde
-   Restormel
-   St Albans
-   York

SNP losses to NOC (1)

-   Angus

Others losses to NOC (5)










-   Argyll and Bute
-   Eden
-   Highland
-   Moray
-   Torridge

B. Council seats

The table below summarises seats won and net gains and losses by party:

Seats won and net gains

Seats contested on 3 May

	Seats won	Net change	Net change
		<i>England</i>	<i>Scotland</i>
 Conservative	5,458	+911	+16
 Labour	2,225	-505	-137
 Liberal Democrat	2,337	-246	-11
 Scottish National Party	363		+181
 Green	70	+17	+8
 British National Party	10	+1	
 UK Independence Party	5	-1	
 Residents Association	67	-19	
 Others	1,163	-161	-57
Total	11,698	-3	0

Note: Data on net change for England and Scotland are reported separately.

Local elections in Scotland were held using a proportional system (STV).

Readers are advised that net change in council seats may be affected by changes in both voters' party preferences as well as the operation of the new electoral system

The **Conservatives** won 5,458 seats, 47% of the total contested. In England, the party made a net gain of 911 council seats. In Scotland they made a net gain of 16 seats although, due to the new electoral system used for the 2007 elections, it is not possible to ascertain whether party gains and losses are attributable to changing voter preferences or the allocation of seats on a proportional basis. The Conservatives continue to have no councillors on several metropolitan boroughs, including Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-upon Tyne, on some English district councils, notably Bolsover, Cambridge, Chesterfield, and Durham, and on several unitary authorities in Scotland.

Labour won 2,225 seats, 19% of the total contested and a net loss of 505 seats in England and 137 in Scotland. The party has no representation on 90 district councils and unitary authorities in England, and on five unitary authorities in Scotland. Labour continues to be strongest in metropolitan boroughs. On English district councils, Labour has 1,506 councillors, on metropolitan boroughs the party has 1,178 councillors, and on Scottish councils it has 348 seats.

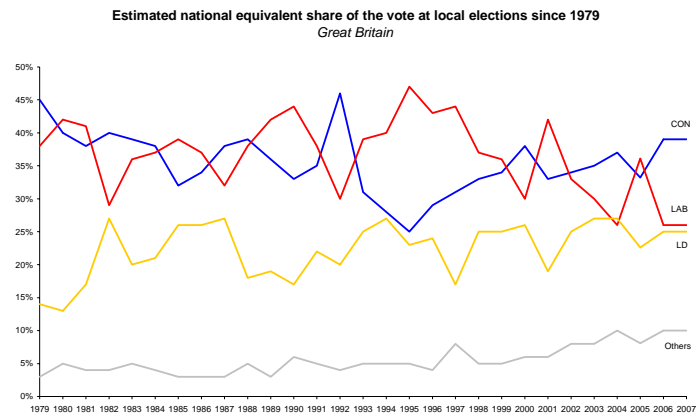
The **Liberal Democrats** won 2,337 seats, 20% of seats contested but a net loss of 246 seats in England and 11 in Scotland. The party has no representation on 33 district councils and unitary authorities in England, and on nine Scottish councils. The party has 2,228 councillors on English district councils, one-half (51%) of the total number of Liberal Democrat councillors in Great Britain.

The **Greens** won 70 seats, a net gain of 17 seats. The party has 12 seats in both Lancaster and Brighton and Hove, 10 in Norwich, and 5 in Glasgow.

The British National Party won 10 seats, a net gain of one seat.

C. National equivalent share of the vote

Professors Rallings and Thrasher at the University of Plymouth estimate that the Conservatives won 40% of the national (Great Britain) equivalent vote, Labour 26% and the Liberal Democrats 24%. This is an estimated share of the vote in all authorities had elections been held Great Britain-wide. It is not necessarily equivalent to the share of the vote in those seats contested. The table and chart below show trends in the national equivalent share of the vote. Where general elections were held simultaneously, the general election result is shown.



Estimated national equivalent share of vote at local elections, 1979-2007

Great Britain

	CON	LAB	LD	Others
1979	45%	38%	14%	3%
1980	40%	42%	13%	5%
1981	38%	41%	17%	4%
1982	40%	29%	27%	4%
1983	39%	36%	20%	5%
1984	38%	37%	21%	4%
1985	32%	39%	26%	3%
1986	34%	37%	26%	3%
1987	38%	32%	27%	3%
1988	39%	38%	18%	5%
1989	36%	42%	19%	3%
1990	33%	44%	17%	6%
1991	35%	38%	22%	5%
1992	46%	30%	20%	4%
1993	31%	39%	25%	5%
1994	28%	40%	27%	5%
1995	25%	47%	23%	5%
1996	29%	43%	24%	4%
1997	31%	44%	17%	8%
1998	33%	37%	25%	5%
1999	34%	36%	25%	5%
2000	38%	30%	26%	6%
2001	33%	42%	19%	6%
2002	34%	33%	25%	8%
2003	35%	30%	27%	8%
2004	37%	26%	27%	10%
2005	33%	36%	23%	8%
2006	39%	26%	25%	10%
2007	40%	26%	24%	10%

Local elections in 1979, 1997, 2001 and 2005 were held on same day as the general election, and general election results are shown. These figures are emboldened

Sources: Rallings and Thrasher, *British Electoral Facts 1832-1999*
Rallings and Thrasher, *Local Elections Handbook*, various
Local Government Elections Centre, personal communication

D. Post-election council composition

The table below summarises post-election council composition and control across Great Britain following the elections, including those authorities where elections were not held.

Estimated post-election council composition and control: Great Britain

Councillors	Number				% total			
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	CON	LAB	LD	OTH
London boroughs	784	682	319	76	42%	37%	17%	4%
Metropolitan boroughs	551	1,178	575	136	23%	48%	24%	6%
Unitary authorities	1,003	700	501	194	42%	29%	21%	8%
County councils	1,152	570	473	74	51%	25%	21%	3%
Shire districts	5,685	1,506	2,228	1,140	54%	14%	21%	11%
England	9,175	4,636	4,096	1,620	47%	24%	21%	8%
Welsh unitary authorities	114	479	144	527	9%	38%	11%	42%
Scottish unitary authorities	143	348	166	371	14%	34%	16%	36%
Great Britain	9,432	5,463	4,406	2,518	43%	25%	20%	12%

Councils controlled	Number					% total				
	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	NOC	CON	LAB	LD	OTH	NOC
London boroughs	14	7	3	0	8	44%	22%	9%	0%	25%
Metropolitan boroughs	4	13	4	0	15	11%	36%	11%	0%	42%
Unitary authorities	18	9	1	0	18	39%	20%	2%	0%	39%
County councils	23	6	3	0	2	68%	18%	9%	0%	6%
Shire districts	146	13	18	6	55	61%	5%	8%	3%	23%
England	205	48	29	6	98	53%	12%	8%	2%	25%
Welsh unitary authorities	1	8	0	4	9	5%	36%	0%	18%	41%
Scottish unitary authorities	0	2	0	3	27	0%	6%	0%	9%	84%
Great Britain	206	58	29	13	134	47%	13%	7%	3%	30%

Source: Local Government Information online

The **Conservatives** have almost 9,500 councillors, 43% of the Great Britain total and their highest number since 1985. The number of Conservative councillors has risen consistently since 1997. The Conservatives control 206 councils, 47% of the total, including 68% of county councils and 61% of shire district councils in England. The Conservatives do not control any of the 32 unitary authorities in Scotland.

Labour have almost 5,500 councillors, 25% of the Great Britain total and their lowest number since the reorganisation of local government in 1973. The number of Labour councillors has fallen consistently since 1998. Labour control 58 councils, 13% of the Great Britain total. They control 36% of both Metropolitan Borough councils and Welsh unitary authorities, but only 6% of Scottish councils and 5% of shire districts in England.

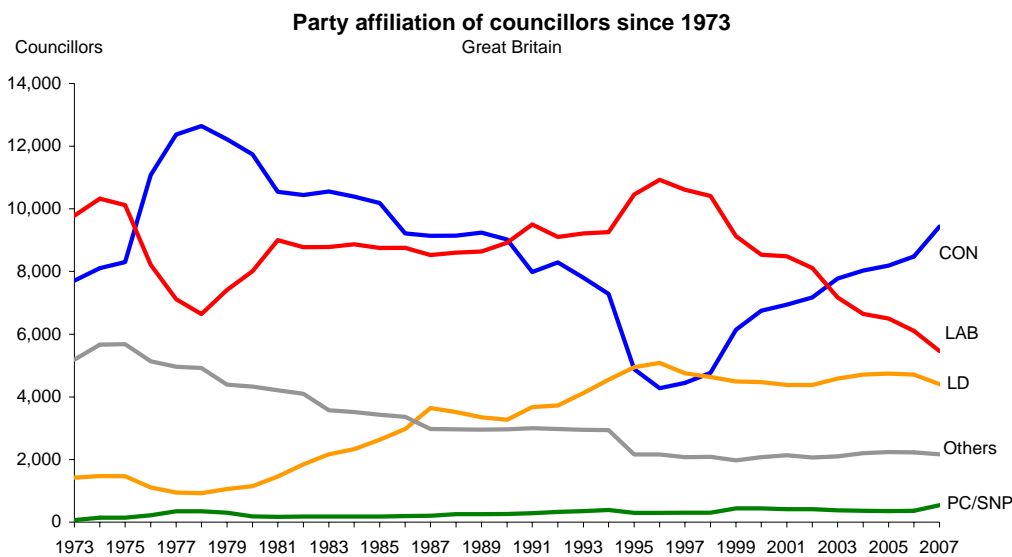
The **Liberal Democrats** have just over 4,400 councillors, 20% of the Great Britain total. The number of Liberal Democrat councillors fell in both 2006 and 2007, and is 13% lower than the number of councillors in 1996. The party controls 29 councils, 7% of the Great Britain total. They do not control any of the unitary authorities in Scotland or Wales.

Party affiliation of councillors 1973-2007
Great Britain

	Number					Total	% total				
	CON	LAB	LD	PC/SNP	Others		CON	LAB	LD	PC/SNP	Others
1973	7,709	9,781	1,427	65	5,183	24,165	32%	40%	6%	0%	21%
1974	8,102	10,325	1,474	145	5,664	25,710	32%	40%	6%	1%	22%
1975	8,301	10,117	1,462	145	5,685	25,710	32%	39%	6%	1%	22%
1976	11,077	8,213	1,113	223	5,132	25,758	43%	32%	4%	1%	20%
1977	12,370	7,115	950	349	4,965	25,749	48%	28%	4%	1%	19%
1978	12,645	6,644	923	349	4,920	25,481	50%	26%	4%	1%	19%
1979	12,222	7,410	1,059	301	4,388	25,380	48%	29%	4%	1%	17%
1980	11,738	8,011	1,149	186	4,325	25,409	46%	32%	5%	1%	17%
1981	10,545	8,999	1,455	172	4,208	25,379	42%	35%	6%	1%	17%
1982	10,447	8,774	1,850	177	4,099	25,347	41%	35%	7%	1%	16%
1983	10,557	8,782	2,171	175	3,570	25,255	42%	35%	9%	1%	14%
1984	10,393	8,870	2,331	179	3,515	25,288	41%	35%	9%	1%	14%
1985	10,191	8,746	2,633	177	3,432	25,179	40%	35%	10%	1%	14%
1986	9,216	8,759	2,971	191	3,364	24,501	38%	36%	12%	1%	14%
1987	9,141	8,525	3,640	203	2,974	24,483	37%	35%	15%	1%	12%
1988	9,150	8,601	3,518	254	2,968	24,491	37%	35%	14%	1%	12%
1989	9,242	8,636	3,343	258	2,958	24,437	38%	35%	14%	1%	12%
1990	9,020	8,920	3,265	264	2,968	24,437	37%	37%	13%	1%	12%
1991	7,985	9,504	3,672	292	2,997	24,450	33%	39%	15%	1%	12%
1992	8,288	9,102	3,728	334	2,977	24,429	34%	37%	15%	1%	12%
1993	7,802	9,213	4,123	358	2,948	24,444	32%	38%	17%	1%	12%
1994	7,286	9,257	4,551	392	2,941	24,427	30%	38%	19%	2%	12%
1995	4,883	10,461	4,942	294	2,157	22,737	21%	46%	22%	1%	9%
1996	4,276	10,929	5,078	298	2,157	22,738	19%	48%	22%	1%	9%
1997	4,449	10,608	4,754	301	2,076	22,188	20%	48%	21%	1%	9%
1998	4,772	10,411	4,629	304	2,083	22,199	21%	47%	21%	1%	9%
1999	6,144	9,134	4,485	444	1,973	22,180	28%	41%	20%	2%	9%
2000	6,748	8,536	4,472	444	2,078	22,278	30%	38%	20%	2%	9%
2001	6,941	8,487	4,382	418	2,132	22,360	31%	38%	20%	2%	10%
2002	7,177	8,117	4,379	412	2,069	22,154	32%	37%	20%	2%	9%
2003	7,776	7,175	4,581	383	2,101	22,016	35%	33%	21%	2%	10%
2004	8,033	6,652	4,708	361	2,201	21,955	37%	30%	21%	2%	10%
2005	8,193	6,500	4,743	357	2,233	22,044	37%	29%	22%	2%	10%
2006	8,482	6,105	4,708	368	2,229	21,892	39%	28%	22%	2%	10%
2007	9,432	5,463	4,406	546	2,166	22,013	43%	25%	20%	2%	10%

Note: LD includes predecessor parties















Sources: House of Commons Library Research Paper 04/61 UK Election Statistics 1918-2004
Rallings and Thrasher *Local Elections Handbook*
Local Government Information online, <http://www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/uklocalgov>



E. Mayoral elections

Mayoral elections were held in three local authorities simultaneously with the local council elections – in Bradford, Mansfield and Middlesbrough. The results are shown in the table below:

Mayoral election results: 3 May 2007

			1st preference		2nd preference		Total	
			Votes	% vote	Votes	Votes	% vote	
Bedford								
	Frank Branston	Independent	15,966	36.7%	3,732	19,698	59.7%	
	Nicky Attenborough	Conservative	10,710	24.6%	2,603	13,313	40.3%	
	Christine McHugh	Liberal Democrat	10,553	24.2%				
	Randolph Charles	Labour	4,758	10.9%				
	Justina McLennan	Green	1,538	3.5%				
	Turnout		43,525	40.1%				
Mansfield								
	Tony Egginton	Independent	12,051	45.7%	1,705	13,756	61.0%	
	Alan Meale	Labour	8,129	30.8%	655	8,784	39.0%	
	Aaron Beattie	Conservative	2,770	10.5%				
	Philip Burman	Liberal Democrat	1,944	7.4%				
	Mary Button	Green	1,489	5.6%				
			26,383	34.2%				
Middlesbrough								
	Ray Mallon	Independent	17,455	58.7%		17,455	58.7%	
	Joe Michna	Liberal Democrat	7,026	23.6%				
	Charles Rooney	Labour	3,529	11.9%				
	Dorothy Smith	Conservative	1,733	5.8%				
			29,743	30.8%				

III Reference tables and maps

England: District Council, Unitary Authority and Metropolitan Borough council composition and political control

Councils holding elections on 3 May 2007 (n=231 District Councils, 45 Unitary Authorities, 36 Metropolitan Boroughs)

Local authority	Type	Election	Control	Council composition					Total	Net seats gained and lost				
				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Allerdale	District	All	NOC hold	19	21	4	0	12	56	+1	-6	+1	0	+4
Alnwick	District	All	NOC hold	9	2	11	0	8	30	+6	0	0	0	-6
Amber Valley	District	Thirds	CON hold	28	17	0	0	0	45	+1	-1	0	0	0
Arun	District	All	CON hold	42	3	9	0	2	56	+7	-5	-1	0	-1
Ashfield	District	All	LAB lose to NOC	3	9	9	0	12	33	+3	-7	+8	-2	-2
Ashford	District	All	CON hold	28	2	8	0	5	43	+3	-2	+3	0	-4
Aylesbury Vale	District	All	CON hold	37	0	21	0	1	59	+7	0	-4	0	-3
Babergh	District	All	NOC hold	19	0	16	0	8	43	+8	-6	-2	0	0
Barrow-in-Furness	District	Thirds	NOC hold	19	16	0	0	3	38	+2	-2	0	0	0
Basildon	District	Thirds	CON hold	28	11	3	0	0	42	+1	-1	0	0	0
Basingstoke & Deane	District	Thirds	CON hold	31	11	15	0	3	60	0	0	0	0	0
Bassetlaw	District	Thirds	CON hold	27	16	0	0	5	48	-1	+2	-1	0	0
Bedford	District	Thirds	NOC hold	19	12	16	0	7	54	+2	0	+1	0	-3
Berwick-upon-Tweed	District	All	NOC hold	10	1	13	0	5	29	-4	+1	+6	0	-3
Blaby	District	All	CON hold	27	4	7	0	1	39	+2	0	-2	0	0
Blyth Valley	District	All	LAB hold	2	32	13	0	3	50	-1	-2	+3	0	0
Bolsover	District	All	LAB hold	0	27	0	0	10	37	0	-4	0	0	+4
Boston	District	All	OTH gain from NOC	5	0	0	0	27	32	-6	-12	-4	0	+22
Braintree	District	All	CON gain from NOC	42	9	1	2	6	60	+15	-11	-3	0	-1
Breckland	District	All	CON hold	48	3	0	0	3	54	+6	-5	0	0	-1
Brentwood	District	Thirds	CON hold	28	3	6	0	0	37	+1	0	-1	0	0
Bridgnorth	District	All	NOC hold	13	1	3	0	17	34	+3	-1	-5	0	+3
Broadland	District	All	CON hold	35	0	9	0	3	47	+4	0	-2	0	-2
Bromsgrove	District	All	CON hold	26	6	1	0	6	39	+4	0	0	0	-4
Broxbourne	District	Thirds	CON hold	36	2	0	0	0	38	+1	0	0	0	-1
Broxtowe	District	All	NOC hold	16	8	15	0	3	42	+3	-6	+3	0	0
Burnley	District	Thirds	NOC hold	6	17	18	0	4	45	+1	+1	+2	0	-4
Cambridge	District	Thirds	LD hold	0	13	28	0	1	42	0	0	-1	0	+1
Cannock Chase	District	Thirds	NOC hold	10	16	14	0	0	40	0	+1	-1	0	0
Canterbury	District	All	CON gain from NOC	29	2	19	0	0	50	+4	-5	+1	0	0
Caradon	District	All	LD gain from NOC	9	0	23	0	10	42	+5	-1	+6	0	-10
Carlisle	District	Thirds	NOC hold	19	25	7	0	1	52	0	+1	-1	0	0
Carrick	District	All	LD lose to NOC	19	1	18	0	9	47	+10	+1	-10	0	-1
Castle Morpeth	District	All	NOC hold	12	6	12	1	2	33	+2	-3	+5	0	-4
Castle Point	District	Thirds	CON hold	26	0	0	0	15	41	-3	-1	0	0	+4
Charnwood	District	All	CON gain from NOC	32	13	5	0	2	52	+9	-9	-1	0	+1
Chelmsford	District	All	CON hold	33	0	24	0	0	57	-2	-2	+4	0	0






































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				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Cherwell	District	Thirds	CON hold	42	4	4	0	0	50	+4	-4	0	0	0
Chester	District	Thirds	CON gain from NOC	33	13	13	0	1	60	+6	-1	-5	0	0
Chesterfield	District	All	LD hold	0	10	38	0	0	48	0	-2	+2	0	0
Chester-le-Street	District	All	LAB hold	2	26	1	0	5	34	+1	-3	+1	0	+1
Chichester	District	All	CON hold	34	0	11	0	3	48	+8	0	-8	0	0
Chiltern	District	All	CON hold	30	0	9	0	1	40	+3	0	-3	0	0
Chorley	District	Thirds	CON hold	25	15	3	0	4	47	0	-2	+1	0	+1
Christchurch	District	All	CON hold	17	0	4	0	3	24	+3	0	-4	0	+1
Colchester	District	Thirds	NOC hold	30	6	21	0	3	60	0	-1	0	0	+1
Congleton	District	Thirds	CON hold	27	0	14	0	7	48	+1	0	0	0	-1
Copeland	District	All	LAB hold	19	31	0	0	1	51	+3	-1	-1	0	-1
Corby	District	All	LAB hold	8	16	5	0	0	29	-1	-2	+3	0	0
Cotswold	District	All	CON hold	38	0	4	0	2	44	+10	0	-4	0	-6
Craven	District	Thirds	NOC hold	13	0	6	0	11	30	0	0	0	0	0
Crawley	District	Thirds	CON gain from NOC	22	12	3	0	0	37	+3	-4	+1	0	0
Crewe & Nantwich	District	Thirds	NOC hold	28	17	6	0	5	56	+3	-2	0	0	-1
Dacorum	District	All	CON hold	44	2	5	0	0	51	+13	-12	-2	0	0
Dartford	District	All	CON gain from NOC	26	12	0	0	6	44	+5	-4	0	0	-1
Daventry	District	Thirds	CON hold	35	1	2	0	0	38	+1	-1	0	0	0
Derbyshire Dales	District	All	CON hold	26	4	8	0	1	39	+1	-1	0	0	0
Derwentside	District	All	LAB hold	0	29	2	0	24	55	0	-10	+1	0	+9
Dover	District	All	CON gain from NOC	28	15	2	0	0	45	+6	-5	-1	0	0
Durham	District	All	LD hold	0	17	30	0	3	50	0	+1	+1	0	-2
Easington	District	All	LAB hold	0	47	2	0	2	51	0	+2	0	0	-2
East Cambridgeshire	District	All	CON gain from NOC	24	0	13	0	2	39	+8	0	-4	0	-4
East Devon	District	All	CON hold	43	0	10	0	6	59	+8	0	-7	0	-1
East Dorset	District	All	CON hold	25	0	11	0	0	36	+1	0	0	0	-1
East Hampshire	District	All	CON hold	30	0	14	0	0	44	+5	0	-4	0	-1
East Hertfordshire	District	All	CON hold	43	0	4	0	3	50	+2	0	-1	0	-1
East Lindsey	District	All	NOC hold	28	8	3	0	21	60	+13	-3	-3	0	-7
East Northamptonshire	District	All	CON hold	39	0	0	0	1	40	+6	-3	0	0	+1
East Staffordshire	District	All	CON hold	25	12	2	0	0	39	+3	-4	+1	0	0
Eastbourne	District	Thirds	LD gain from CON	7	0	20	0	0	27	-8	0	+8	0	0
Eastleigh	District	Thirds	LD hold	5	2	36	0	1	44	-2	-1	+2	0	+1
Eden	District	All	OTH lose to NOC	14	0	5	0	19	38	+4	0	0	0	-4
Ellesmere Port & Neston	District	Thirds	LAB hold	17	24	2	0	0	43	+3	-3	0	0	0
Elmbridge	District	Thirds	NOC hold	28	0	8	0	24	60	+2	0	0	0	-2






































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				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Epping Forest	District	Thirds	 CON hold	32	1	11	0	14	58	+2	0	-1	0	-1
Epsom & Ewell	District	All	 RA hold	2	0	11	0	25	38	0	-3	+4	0	-1
Erewash	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	30	18	2	0	1	51	+5	-3	0	0	-2
Exeter	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	10	14	12	0	4	40	+2	-2	0	0	0
Fenland	District	All	 CON hold	39	0	0	0	1	40	+3	-3	0	0	0
Forest Heath	District	All	 CON hold	22	0	2	0	3	27	0	0	+1	0	-1
Forest of Dean	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	30	8	2	0	8	48	+12	-6	-2	0	-4
Fylde	District	All	 CON hold	27	0	2	0	22	51	+1	0	0	0	-1
Gedling	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	28	9	9	0	4	50	+7	-12	+2	0	+3
Gloucester	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	15	9	12	0	0	36	-1	+1	0	0	0
Gravesham	District	All	 CON gain from LAB	26	16	0	0	0	42	+7	-7	0	0	0
Great Yarmouth	District	Thirds	 CON hold	22	17	0	0	0	39	0	+1	0	0	-1
Guildford	District	All	 CON hold	26	0	22	0	0	48	+1	-2	+2	0	-1
Hambleton	District	All	 CON hold	39	0	2	0	3	44	+3	-1	-1	0	-1
Harborough	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	26	0	11	0	0	37	+10	-1	-7	0	-2
Harlow	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	12	12	8	0	1	33	0	+1	-2	0	+1
Harrogate	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	25	0	23	0	6	54	-2	0	+1	0	+1
Hart	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	15	0	12	0	8	35	-1	0	0	0	+1
Havant	District	Thirds	 CON hold	31	4	3	0	0	38	+1	0	-1	0	0
Hertsmere	District	Thirds	 CON hold	28	4	7	0	0	39	0	-1	+1	0	0
High Peak	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	24	9	6	0	4	43	+12	-9	-2	0	-1
Hinckley & Bosworth	District	All	 LD gain from CON	13	2	19	0	0	34	-6	-4	+10	0	0
Horsham	District	All	 CON hold	31	0	11	0	2	44	+8	0	-8	0	0
Huntingdonshire	District	Thirds	 CON hold	39	0	11	0	2	52	-1	0	+1	0	0
Hyndburn	District	Thirds	 CON hold	18	15	0	0	2	35	0	-1	0	0	+1
Ipswich	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	20	18	9	0	1	48	+1	0	0	0	-1
Kennet	District	All	 CON hold	34	0	1	0	8	43	+6	-1	-2	0	-3
Kerrier	District	All	 NOC hold	5	2	11	0	26	44	+1	-4	+1	0	+2
Kettering	District	All	 CON hold	28	6	0	0	2	36	-1	-8	0	0	0
King's Lynn & W. Norfolk	District	All	 CON hold	52	4	4	0	2	62	+14	-10	-3	0	-1
Lancaster	District	All	 NOC hold	12	14	5	12	17	60	+1	-6	-3	+5	+3
Lewes	District	All	 LD hold	17	0	23	0	1	41	+6	0	-4	0	-2
Lichfield	District	All	 CON hold	44	7	4	0	1	56	+8	-8	-1	0	+1
Lincoln	District	All	 CON gain from LAB	17	15	1	0	0	33	+6	-5	-1	0	0
Macclesfield	District	Thirds	 CON hold	38	6	12	0	4	60	+4	-1	-3	0	0
Maidstone	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	26	4	21	0	4	55	-1	-1	+1	0	+1
Maldon	District	All	 CON hold	25	0	0	0	4	29	+5	-2	0	0	-3






































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Malvern Hills	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	29	0	5	1	3	38	+16	0	-14	0	-2
Mansfield	District	All	 OTH hold	1	12	4	0	29	46	0	-1	0	0	+1
Melton	District	All	 CON hold	20	3	0	0	5	28	+1	-1	0	0	0
Mendip	District	All	 CON hold	24	0	23	0	0	47	-3	0	+8	0	-4
Mid Bedfordshire	District	All	 CON hold	38	0	11	1	3	53	+1	-1	+1	+1	-2
Mid Devon	District	All	 NOC hold	17	0	10	0	15	42	+4	0	+2	-1	-5
Mid Suffolk	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	22	0	10	2	6	40	+3	-2	-3	+2	0
Mid Sussex	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	31	1	22	0	0	54	+3	-1	-2	0	0
Mole Valley	District	Thirds	 CON hold	22	0	16	0	3	41	0	0	0	0	0
New Forest	District	All	 CON hold	44	0	14	0	2	60	+13	0	-14	0	+1
Newark & Sherwood	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	26	6	4	0	10	46	+3	-5	0	0	+2
Newcastle-under-Lyme	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	20	20	18	0	2	60	+3	-7	+4	0	0
North Cornwall	District	All	 NOC hold	6	0	14	0	16	36	+3	0	-1	0	-2
North Devon	District	All	 CON gain from LD	22	0	17	0	4	43	+12	0	-5	0	-7
North Dorset	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	17	0	13	0	3	33	+2	0	0	0	-2
North East Derbyshire	District	All	 LAB hold	10	29	7	0	7	53	+3	-7	+1	0	+3
North Hertfordshire	District	All	 CON hold	30	10	9	0	0	49	-3	+1	+2	0	0
North Kesteven	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	25	0	4	0	14	43	+5	-1	-1	0	0
North Norfolk	District	All	 LD hold	16	0	30	0	2	48	+1	0	0	0	-1
North Shropshire	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	26	2	1	0	11	40	+8	-2	+1	0	-7
North Warwickshire	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	21	14	0	0	0	35	+6	-2	-4	0	0
North West Leicestershire	District	All	 CON gain from LAB	27	5	3	0	3	38	+15	-15	-1	0	+1
North Wiltshire	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	40	1	13	0	0	54	+16	0	-9	0	-6
Northampton	District	All	 LD gain from NOC	15	5	26	0	1	47	-5	-5	+9	0	+1
Norwich	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	3	15	11	10	0	39	+1	-1	-1	+1	0
Oadby & Wigston	District	All	 LD hold	5	0	21	0	0	26	-4	0	+4	0	0
Oswestry	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	16	0	4	0	9	29	+3	-1	-2	0	0
Pendle	District	Thirds	 LD hold	14	6	27	0	1	48	+1	+1	0	0	-2
Penwith	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	17	1	12	0	5	35	+3	0	0	0	-3
Preston	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	20	24	10	0	3	57	+2	0	-1	0	-1
Purbeck	District	Thirds	 CON hold	13	0	9	0	2	24	-2	0	+1	0	+1
Redditch	District	Thirds	 NOC hold	11	14	3	0	1	29	0	0	0	0	0
Reigate & Banstead	District	Thirds	 CON hold	42	1	2	0	6	51	+3	-1	-2	0	0
Restormel	District	All	 LD lose to NOC	10	0	20	0	15	45	+2	0	-3	0	+1
Ribble Valley	District	All	 CON hold	29	0	10	0	1	40	+7	-1	-5	0	-1
Richmondshire	District	All	 NOC hold	13	0	6	0	15	34	+2	0	-2	0	0
Rochford	District	Thirds	 CON hold	32	0	5	0	2	39	-2	0	+1	0	+1

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Rossendale	District	Thirds	 CON hold	22	12	1	0	1	36	-2	+2	+1	0	-1
Rother	District	All	 CON hold	28	0	8	0	2	38	+2	-3	+2	0	-1
Rugby	District	Thirds	 CON gain from NOC	27	11	10	0	0	48	+3	-2	0	0	-1
Runnymede	District	Thirds	 CON hold	36	0	0	0	6	42	0	0	0	0	0
Rushcliffe	District	All	 CON hold	34	2	11	2	1	50	0	-2	+1	+1	0
Rushmoor	District	Thirds	 CON hold	28	5	8	0	1	42	+4	0	-3	0	-1
Ryedale	District	All	 NOC hold	14	0	8	0	8	30	+1	0	0	0	-1
Salisbury	District	All	 CON lose to NOC	22	10	19	0	4	55	-9	-1	+10	0	0
Scarborough	District	All	 CON lose to NOC	23	4	6	2	15	50	-3	-4	+4	+2	+1
Sedgefield	District	All	 LAB hold	1	28	6	0	15	50	0	-7	-1	0	+8
Sedgemoor	District	All	 CON hold	35	11	4	0	0	50	0	-3	+3	0	0
Selby	District	All	 CON hold	29	9	0	0	3	41	+5	-5	-1	0	+1
Sevenoaks	District	All	 CON hold	41	5	7	0	1	54	+8	-5	-1	0	-2
Shepway	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	34	0	10	0	2	46	+15	0	-5	-1	-9
Shrewsbury & Atcham	District	Thirds	 CON hold	22	10	5	0	3	40	+1	0	-1	0	0
South Bedfordshire	District	Thirds	 CON hold	34	4	12	0	0	50	-1	0	+1	0	0
South Buckinghamshire	District	All	 CON hold	36	0	2	0	2	40	+3	0	+1	0	-4
South Cambridgeshire	District	Thirds	 CON gain from NOC	29	1	17	0	10	57	+3	0	-1	0	-2
South Derbyshire	District	All	 CON gain from LAB	20	15	0	0	1	36	+6	-6	0	0	0
South Hams	District	All	 CON hold	28	0	9	0	3	40	0	-2	+2	0	0
South Holland	District	All	 CON hold	26	0	0	0	11	37	0	0	0	0	-1
South Kesteven	District	All	 CON hold	35	2	6	0	15	58	+3	-8	+1	0	+4
South Lakeland	District	Thirds	 LD hold	15	2	34	0	1	52	-3	0	+3	0	0
South Norfolk	District	All	 CON gain from LD	39	0	7	0	0	46	+20	0	-20	0	0
South Northamptonshire	District	All	 CON hold	35	1	0	0	6	42	+6	-3	0	0	-3
South Oxfordshire	District	All	 CON hold	38	1	6	0	3	48	+10	-3	-3	0	-4
South Ribble	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	44	8	1	0	2	55	+26	-8	-14	0	-4
South Shropshire	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	18	0	11	1	4	34	+8	0	-3	+1	-6
South Somerset	District	All	 LD hold	17	0	38	0	5	60	0	0	+1	0	-1
South Staffordshire	District	All	 CON hold	42	1	1	0	3	47	+7	-6	0	0	-1
Spelthorne	District	All	 CON hold	31	0	8	0	0	39	-4	0	+4	0	0
St Albans	District	Thirds	 LD lose to NOC	19	8	29	0	2	58	+1	0	-2	0	+1
St Edmundsbury	District	All	 CON hold	36	3	3	0	3	45	+8	-7	+1	0	-2
Stafford	District	All	 CON hold	40	13	4	0	2	59	0	-1	-1	0	+2
Staffordshire Moorlands	District	All	 CON gain from NOC	29	5	6	0	16	56	+13	-2	-5	0	-6
Stevenage	District	Thirds	 LAB hold	3	32	4	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0
Stratford-on-Avon	District	Thirds	 CON hold	37	0	14	0	2	53	+5	0	-4	0	-1

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Stroud	District	Thirds	CON hold	31	9	4	5	2	51	+2	0	-1	0	-1
Suffolk Coastal	District	All	CON hold	45	1	9	0	0	55	+2	-1	-1	0	0
Surrey Heath	District	All	CON hold	30	2	7	0	1	40	+8	-1	-6	0	-1
Swale	District	Thirds	CON hold	26	10	6	0	5	47	-2	0	-2	0	+4
Tamworth	District	Thirds	CON hold	23	5	0	0	2	30	+2	-3	0	0	+1
Tandridge	District	Thirds	CON hold	30	1	10	0	1	42	+1	-1	0	0	0
Taunton Deane	District	All	CON lose to NOC	25	1	26	0	4	56	-5	-4	+11	0	0
Teesdale	District	All	OTH hold	4	6	0	0	22	32	+1	-3	0	0	+2
Teignbridge	District	All	NOC hold	19	0	21	0	6	46	+5	0	+5	0	-10
Tendring	District	All	NOC hold	28	6	6	0	20	60	+3	-5	-7	0	+9
Test Valley	District	All	CON hold	33	0	15	0	0	48	+2	0	-1	0	-1
Tewkesbury	District	All	NOC hold	19	0	17	0	2	38	+1	-2	+7	0	-6
Thanet	District	All	CON hold	33	19	0	0	4	56	+2	-4	-1	0	+3
Three Rivers	District	Thirds	LD hold	11	6	31	0	0	48	0	-1	+1	0	0
Tonbridge & Malling	District	All	CON hold	46	0	7	0	0	53	+12	-7	-5	0	0
Torridge	District	All	OTH lose to NOC	13	0	8	2	13	36	+10	0	+1	+2	-13
Tunbridge Wells	District	Thirds	CON hold	41	0	7	0	0	48	+3	-1	-2	0	0
Tynedale	District	All	CON hold	30	8	11	0	3	52	+2	-2	+1	0	-1
Uttlesford	District	All	CON gain from LD	26	0	15	0	3	44	+14	0	-12	0	-2
Vale of White Horse	District	All	LD hold	17	0	34	0	0	51	-4	0	+5	0	-1
Vale Royal	District	All	NOC hold	27	17	10	0	0	54	+3	-3	0	0	-2
Wansbeck	District	All	LAB hold	0	26	16	0	3	45	0	-10	+7	0	+3
Warwick	District	All	CON gain from NOC	24	9	9	0	4	46	+8	-5	-1	0	-2
Watford	District	Thirds	LD hold	3	2	28	3	0	36	0	+1	0	0	-1
Waveney	District	Thirds	CON hold	30	12	3	1	2	48	+1	0	0	+1	-2
Waverley	District	All	CON gain from NOC	51	0	3	0	3	57	+25	0	-25	0	0
Wealden	District	All	CON hold	34	0	12	2	7	55	0	0	-3	+2	+1
Wear Valley	District	All	LAB lose to NOC	0	19	16	0	5	40	0	-5	+5	0	0
Wellingborough	District	All	CON hold	30	4	0	0	2	36	+3	-5	0	0	+2
Welwyn Hatfield	District	Thirds	CON hold	35	10	3	0	0	48	+3	-2	0	-1	0
West Devon	District	All	NOC hold	14	0	7	0	10	31	+2	0	-1	0	-1
West Dorset	District	All	CON hold	26	0	16	0	6	48	+1	0	+4	0	-5
West Lancashire	District	Thirds	CON hold	33	21	0	0	0	54	+1	-1	0	0	0
West Lindsey	District	Thirds	LD hold	16	0	20	0	1	37	-1	0	+1	0	0
West Oxfordshire	District	Thirds	CON hold	35	1	8	0	4	48	+2	0	-1	0	-1
West Somerset	District	All	OTH gain from CON	13	1	1	0	16	31	-6	-1	-1	0	+8
West Wiltshire	District	All	CON gain from NOC	26	0	14	0	4	44	+9	-3	-4	0	-2

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				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Weymouth & Portland	District	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	14	6	11	0	5	36	+2	-1	-1	0	0
Winchester	District	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	29	1	23	0	4	57	0	-2	+2	0	0
Woking	District	Thirds	■ ■ CON gain from NOC	19	0	17	0	0	36	+4	-3	-1	0	0
Worcester	District	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	18	12	3	0	2	35	0	+1	0	0	-1
Worthing	District	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	24	0	12	0	1	37	+1	0	-2	0	+1
Wychavon	District	All	■ ■ CON hold	35	0	10	0	0	45	+4	-2	-2	0	0
Wycombe	District	All	■ ■ CON hold	49	5	4	0	2	60	+3	-4	+2	0	-1
Wyre	District	All	■ ■ CON hold	45	9	1	0	0	55	+12	-12	0	0	0
Wyre Forest	District	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	18	3	2	0	19	42	0	-1	0	0	+1
Barnsley	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	5	33	2	0	23	63	-1	0	-1	0	+2
Birmingham	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	44	41	32	0	3	120	+3	-3	0	0	0
Bolton	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	22	26	12	0	0	60	+1	+3	-4	0	0
Bradford	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	32	39	14	3	2	90	-1	+3	0	-1	-1
Bury	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	23	20	8	0	0	51	+1	-3	+2	0	0
Calderdale	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	19	11	15	0	5	50	0	+1	0	0	-1
Coventry	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	28	23	1	0	2	54	-1	+4	-1	0	-2
Doncaster	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	9	29	12	0	13	63	0	+1	0	0	-1
Dudley	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	39	28	5	0	0	72	-1	+2	0	0	-1
Gateshead	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	0	42	23	0	1	66	0	0	0	0	0
Kirklees	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	20	22	18	4	5	69	-1	+2	-2	+1	0
Knowsley	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	0	50	13	0	0	63	0	-1	+1	0	0
Leeds	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	22	43	24	3	7	99	-2	+3	-2	0	+1
Liverpool	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LD hold	0	35	51	1	3	90	0	+5	-5	0	0
Manchester	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	0	60	34	1	0	95	0	-1	+1	0	0
Newcastle upon Tyne	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LD hold	0	31	45	0	0	76	0	+3	-3	0	0
North Tyneside	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	28	23	9	0	0	60	0	0	+1	0	-1
Oldham	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB lose to NOC	3	30	26	0	1	60	+2	-1	-1	0	0
Rochdale	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LD gain from NOC	8	20	32	0	0	60	-2	0	+2	0	0
Rotherham	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	7	54	0	0	2	63	+1	-1	0	0	0
Salford	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	10	42	8	0	0	60	+2	-2	0	0	0
Sandwell	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	10	51	6	0	4	71	-2	+1	+1	0	0
Sefton	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	18	22	26	0	0	66	-1	+1	0	0	0
Sheffield	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB lose to NOC	1	41	39	2	1	84	-1	-3	+4	0	0
Solihull	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ CON lose to NOC	24	7	17	0	3	51	-2	0	+2	0	0
South Tyneside	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	3	35	3	0	13	54	0	+1	-1	0	0
St Helens	Metropolitan	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	6	21	20	0	1	48	0	-2	+1	0	+1

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				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Stockport	Metropolitan	Thirds	LD hold	9	15	36	0	3	63	-1	0	+1	0	0
Sunderland	Metropolitan	Thirds	LAB hold	16	54	1	0	4	75	+3	-5	-1	0	+3
Tameside	Metropolitan	Thirds	LAB hold	8	45	1	0	3	57	0	+1	-1	0	0
Trafford	Metropolitan	Thirds	CON hold	39	20	4	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0
Wakefield	Metropolitan	Thirds	LAB hold	16	40	3	0	4	63	+2	-1	0	0	-1
Walsall	Metropolitan	Thirds	CON hold	33	18	6	0	3	60	-1	-1	0	0	+2
Wigan	Metropolitan	Thirds	LAB hold	10	46	6	0	13	75	+1	+3	-2	0	-2
Wirral	Metropolitan	Thirds	NOC hold	21	25	20	0	0	66	0	-1	+1	0	0
Wolverhampton	Metropolitan	Thirds	LAB hold	18	36	3	0	3	60	+2	-5	+1	0	+2
Bath & N.E. Somerset	Unitary	All	NOC hold	31	5	26	0	3	65	+5	-1	-3	0	-1
Blackburn with Darwen	Unitary	Thirds	LAB lose to NOC	17	31	13	0	3	64	+2	-2	0	0	0
Blackpool	Unitary	All	CON gain from LAB	26	13	3	0	0	42	+13	-12	-1	0	0
Bournemouth	Unitary	All	CON gain from LD	41	3	7	0	3	54	+22	0	-23	0	+1
Bracknell Forest	Unitary	All	CON hold	39	3	0	0	0	42	+6	-3	-1	0	-2
Brighton & Hove	Unitary	All	NOC hold	26	13	2	12	1	54	+5	-10	-1	+6	0
Bristol	Unitary	Thirds	NOC hold	13	25	31	1	0	70	0	+2	-2	0	0
Darlington	Unitary	All	LAB hold	18	29	6	0	0	53	+3	-6	+3	0	0
Derby	Unitary	Thirds	NOC hold	12	24	13	0	2	51	+1	0	-2	0	+1
East Riding of Yorkshire	Unitary	All	CON gain from NOC	47	3	12	0	5	67	+18	-5	-10	0	-3
Halton	Unitary	Thirds	LAB hold	8	33	15	0	0	56	0	-2	+2	0	0
Hartlepool	Unitary	Thirds	LAB hold	4	24	7	0	12	47	0	-2	0	0	+2
Herefordshire	Unitary	All	CON gain from NOC	31	2	10	1	14	58	+9	-2	-7	+1	-1
Kingston upon Hull	Unitary	Thirds	LD gain from NOC	2	20	30	0	7	59	0	-5	+4	0	+1
Leicester	Unitary	All	LAB gain from NOC	8	38	6	2	0	54	-2	+18	-11	+2	-7
Luton	Unitary	All	LAB gain from NOC	5	26	17	0	0	48	+1	+5	-4	0	-2
Medway	Unitary	All	CON hold	33	13	8	0	1	55	+3	-4	+2	0	-1
Middlesbrough	Unitary	All	LAB hold	6	26	5	0	11	48	-1	-6	0	0	+7
Milton Keynes	Unitary	Thirds	NOC hold	15	13	22	0	1	51	+2	-2	-1	0	+1
North East Lincolnshire	Unitary	Thirds	NOC hold	15	6	19	0	2	42	0	0	+2	0	-2
North Lincolnshire	Unitary	All	LAB gain from CON	16	22	1	0	1	40	-3	+1	+1	0	+1
North Somerset	Unitary	All	CON gain from NOC	43	3	5	1	6	58	+18	-6	-15	0	+3
Nottingham	Unitary	All	LAB hold	7	42	6	0	0	55	0	+4	-3	0	-1
Peterborough	Unitary	Thirds	CON hold	40	2	4	0	11	57	+5	-2	-1	0	-2
Plymouth	Unitary	Thirds	CON gain from LAB	31	26	0	0	0	57	+5	-3	-2	0	0
Poole	Unitary	All	CON hold	25	0	17	0	0	42	-1	0	+1	0	0
Portsmouth	Unitary	Thirds	NOC hold	17	5	19	0	1	42	+1	0	-2	0	+1

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				CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	Green	Others
Reading	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ LAB hold	14	25	7	0	0	46	+6	-7	+1	0	0
Redcar & Cleveland	Unitary	All	■ ■ NOC hold	11	28	13	0	7	59	-2	+5	-2	0	-1
Rutland	Unitary	All	■ ■ CON hold	19	0	2	0	5	26	+5	0	-2	0	-3
Slough	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	7	19	4	0	11	41	+1	+1	-1	0	-1
South Gloucestershire	Unitary	All	■ ■ NOC hold	34	9	27	0	0	70	+13	-7	-6	0	0
Southampton	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	18	18	12	0	0	48	+2	+2	-4	0	0
Southend-on-Sea	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	30	7	10	0	4	51	0	-2	+2	0	0
Stockton-on-Tees	Unitary	All	■ ■ NOC hold	13	22	8	0	13	56	+1	-5	+1	0	+3
Stoke-on-Trent	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	3	24	5	0	28	60	-3	-6	+1	0	+8
Swindon	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	43	13	3	0	0	59	+3	-1	0	0	-2
Telford & Wrekin	Unitary	All	■ ■ NOC hold	25	19	3	0	7	54	+12	-9	-3	0	0
Thurrock	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ CON lose to NOC	24	22	0	0	3	49	-2	+1	0	0	+1
Torbay	Unitary	All	■ ■ CON gain from LD	23	0	9	0	1	33	+16	0	-14	0	-2
Warrington	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ NOC hold	5	24	27	0	1	57	-2	0	+1	0	+1
West Berkshire	Unitary	All	■ ■ CON hold	36	0	16	0	0	52	+9	0	-9	0	0
Windsor & Maidenhead	Unitary	All	■ ■ CON gain from LD	36	0	16	0	5	57	+19	0	-18	0	-1
Wokingham	Unitary	Thirds	■ ■ CON hold	43	0	11	0	0	54	+2	0	-2	0	0
York	Unitary	All	■ ■ LD lose to NOC	8	18	19	2	0	47	+8	+3	-10	0	-1

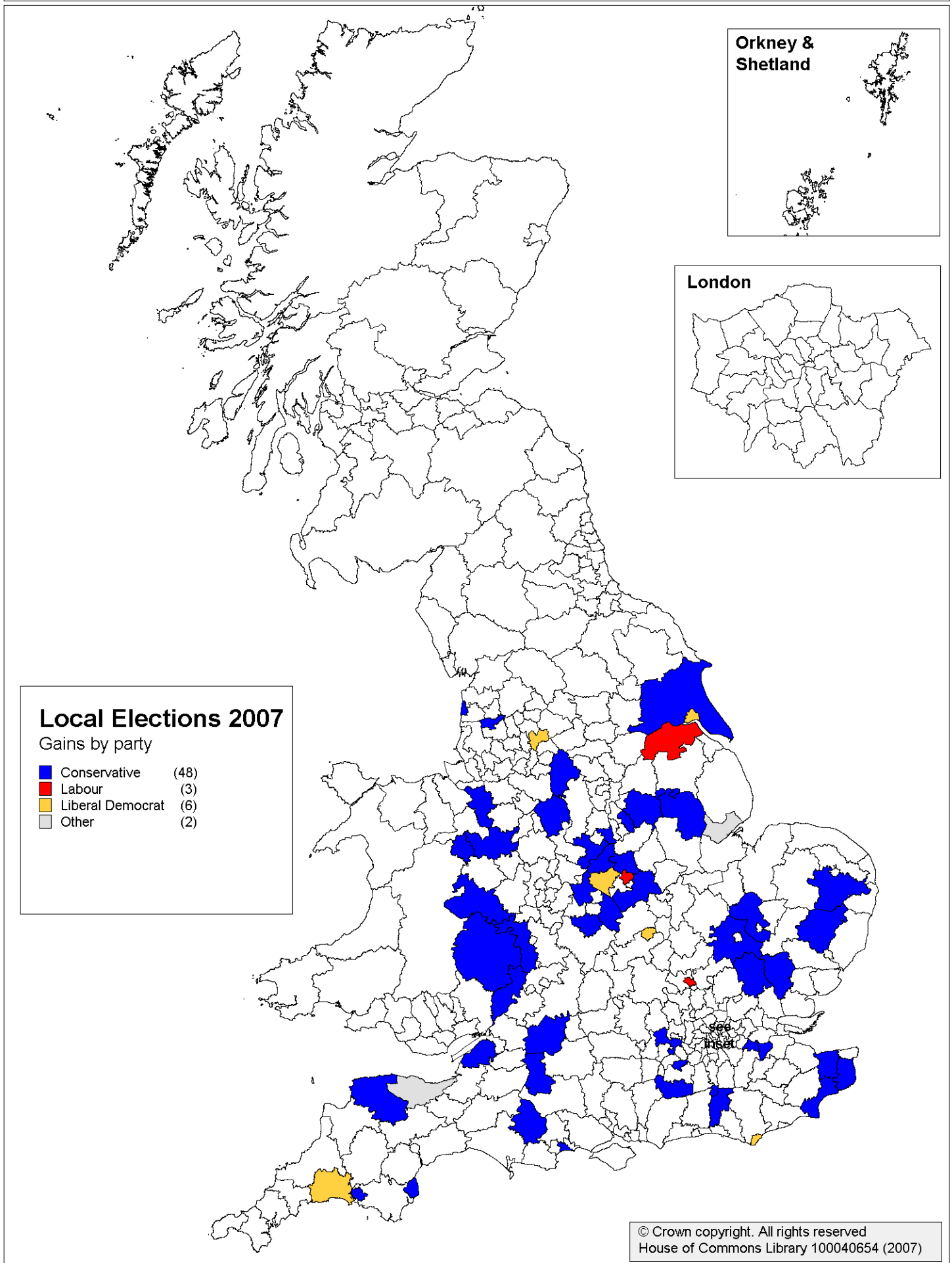
Scotland: Unitary Authority council composition and political control

All Unitary Authorities in Scotland held elections on 3 May 2007

Local authority	Type	Election	Control	Council composition						Total	Net seats gained and lost					
				CON	LAB	LD	SNP	Green	Others		CON	LAB	LD	SNP	Green	Others
Aberdeen	Unitary	All	NOC hold	5	10	15	12	0	1	43	+2	-3	-5	+6	0	0
Aberdeenshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	14	0	24	22	0	8	68	+3	0	-4	+7	0	-6
Angus	Unitary	All	SNP lose to NOC	5	2	3	13	0	6	29	+3	+1	0	-4	0	0
Argyll & Bute	Unitary	All	OTH lose to NOC	3	0	7	10	0	16	36	+1	0	-1	+7	0	-7
Clackmannanshire	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	1	8	1	7	0	1	18	0	-2	+1	+1	0	0
Dumfries & Galloway	Unitary	All	NOC hold	18	14	3	10	0	2	47	+5	+1	-1	+5	0	-10
Dundee	Unitary	All	NOC hold	3	10	2	13	0	1	29	-2	0	0	+2	0	0
East Ayrshire	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	3	14	0	14	0	1	32	+2	-9	0	+6	0	+1
East Dunbartonshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	5	6	3	8	0	2	24	+2	-1	-9	+8	0	0
East Lothian	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	2	7	6	7	0	1	23	-2	-9	+5	+6	0	0
East Renfrewshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	7	7	1	3	0	2	20	+1	-1	-2	+3	0	-1
Edinburgh	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	11	15	17	12	3	0	58	-2	-15	+3	+11	+3	0
Eilean Siar	Unitary	All	OTH hold	0	2	0	4	0	25	31	0	-2	0	+1	0	+1
Falkirk	Unitary	All	NOC hold	2	14	0	13	0	3	32	0	+2	0	+2	0	-4
Fife	Unitary	All	NOC hold	5	24	21	23	0	5	78	+3	-11	-1	+11	0	-2
Glasgow	Unitary	All	LAB hold	1	45	5	22	5	1	79	0	-24	+2	+18	+5	-1
Highland	Unitary	All	OTH lose to NOC	0	7	21	17	0	35	80	0	-1	+8	+11	0	-18
Inverclyde	Unitary	All	LD lose to NOC	1	9	4	5	0	1	20	+1	+2	-9	+5	0	+1
Midlothian	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	0	9	3	6	0	0	18	0	-5	0	+5	0	0
Moray	Unitary	All	OTH lose to NOC	3	2	0	9	0	12	26	+2	-3	-1	+6	0	-4
North Ayrshire	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	3	12	2	8	0	5	30	-2	-8	+2	+5	0	+3
North Lanarkshire	Unitary	All	LAB hold	1	40	1	23	0	5	70	+1	-14	+1	+11	0	+1
Orkney	Unitary	All	OTH hold	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perth & Kinross	Unitary	All	NOC hold	12	3	8	18	0	0	41	+2	-2	-1	+3	0	-2
Renfrewshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	2	17	4	17	0	0	40	+1	-3	+1	+4	0	-3
Scottish Borders	Unitary	All	NOC hold	11	0	10	6	0	7	34	0	0	+2	+4	0	-6
Shetland	Unitary	All	OTH hold	0	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	0	-5	0	0	+5
South Ayrshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	12	9	0	8	0	1	30	-3	-5	0	+8	0	0
South Lanarkshire	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	8	30	2	24	0	3	67	+4	-19	0	+15	0	0
Stirling	Unitary	All	NOC hold	4	8	3	7	0	0	22	-6	-3	+3	+6	0	0
West Dunbartonshire	Unitary	All	NOC hold	0	10	0	9	0	3	22	0	+1	0	+6	0	-7
West Lothian	Unitary	All	LAB lose to NOC	1	14	0	13	0	4	32	0	-4	0	+2	0	+2

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